

A communiqué was issued today by the British Embassy in Paris stating that the British and French Foreign Ministers considered the "situation created by the proposed 'Austrian Customs Union' between Austria and Germany a matter of grave concern."

Mr. Henderson informed Mr. Briand that he had drawn the attention of the Australian Government to the German Government's attitude towards the proposed Austro-German Customs Union.

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THE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

REPORT ON THE YEAR'S WORKING FOR 1930.

It is learned from the annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong for 1930 that the result of the year's working was a loss of \$2,074.32, as against a loss of \$1,316.93 for the previous year.

It is pointed out that "there is a drop in Bar Profits for the year of \$1,512.96 as compared with 1929, this being due to a decrease in the Bar sales for the last 3 quarters of the year, and to a decrease in the rate of profit obtained, both of which factors can be attributed to exchange conditions.

Owing to the low rate of interest offered by the Bank a deposit of \$12,000 was withdrawn when it became due for renewal in August last. A further investment in H.K. Government 6% Loan of 10,000 was made at a purchase price of 108, the net yield from which is approximately 5 1/2%.

Membership.

The membership on December 31 last totalled 360. During the year 62 new members were elected, 16 members resigned. Seventeen members have been written off on account of breach of regulations or continued absence without the necessary notification to the Hon. Secretary.

It is with regret that the committee report the loss by death of the following members:—J. F. Crappleman, W. Farmer, J. Roberts, H. E. Henry.

Hon. Librarian's Report.

The Fiction Library continues to be a very popular feature and the year's working indicates a considerable increase in the circulation of books. In 1929, 10,330

BILLS STILL PENDING.

DIET SESSION EXTENDED TILL 27TH INST.

Tokyo, Mar. 25. Owing to the fate of a large number of Bills being still undecided the Government have decided to extend the session of the Diet until the 27th, though it was originally scheduled to close to-day.—Reuter.

Tariff Act Amended.

Tokyo, Mar. 25. A Bill amending the Tariff Act has passed both Houses. It will result in lowering the import duties on rayon from 123 to 75 yen per 100 kin (132.5 lbs), while a higher tariff will be imposed on certain qualities of imported pine and spruce wood.—Reuter.

books were taken out, and in 1930, 11,369 books were issued. During the year in one month alone 1,083 books were issued. This constitutes a record. There has also been an increase in the sale of periodicals.

During the year 219 new books were placed on the shelves and 102 books presented by members were also added. This latter number does not include a whole library of 50 books of famous literature, presented by a member, which has been placed temporarily in the Technical-reference library.

Literary Council.

The Convenor of the Literary Council reports:—It is again my unpleasant duty to report that our activities in this connexion have not improved, only two papers having been read during the Session. It is again a pleasure to extend to the Members of the Hongkong University Engineering Society our thanks for their support. We also wish to record our thanks for the many kind invitations Members have received to attend lectures at the University. As a measure of appreciation and thanks for the

CHINESE CLASSICS.

INFORMATIVE LECTURE BY PROFESSOR FORSTER.

Before the circle of the Hongkong University Educational Society last evening, Professor L. Forster delivered a Presidential address on the position of Chinese study, which was of considerable educational interest. He reviewed the new curriculum in China and compared the changes which this offered to the old Chinese classics. Revealing a keen appreciation of the subject, he spoke of the moral value of Confucius' teachings, which he suggested might be re-adapted to the changing modern conditions for the preservation of their intrinsic worth. The Chinese classics, he said, stood out for more than was contained in the literature of Europe, in their combination of the religious and moral elements.

The subject was exhaustively treated, and at the conclusion the lecturer was warmly thanked by the gathering for his informative contribution.

valuable support he has given the Institution, your Committee were pleased to appoint Professor C. A. Middleton Smith Honorary Vice-President during the year under review.

House Committee Report.

During the year, the re-arrangement of the East Wing was completed and thanks are due to Mrs. G. Harman for so kindly taking charge of the refurnishing of the Ladies' Room.

New Letter Boxes have been installed for the convenience of Members, and are a great improvement on the old ones, the Committee hope that these will be appreciated and well booked.

The furniture and fittings have been renovated as required and are now all in good order.

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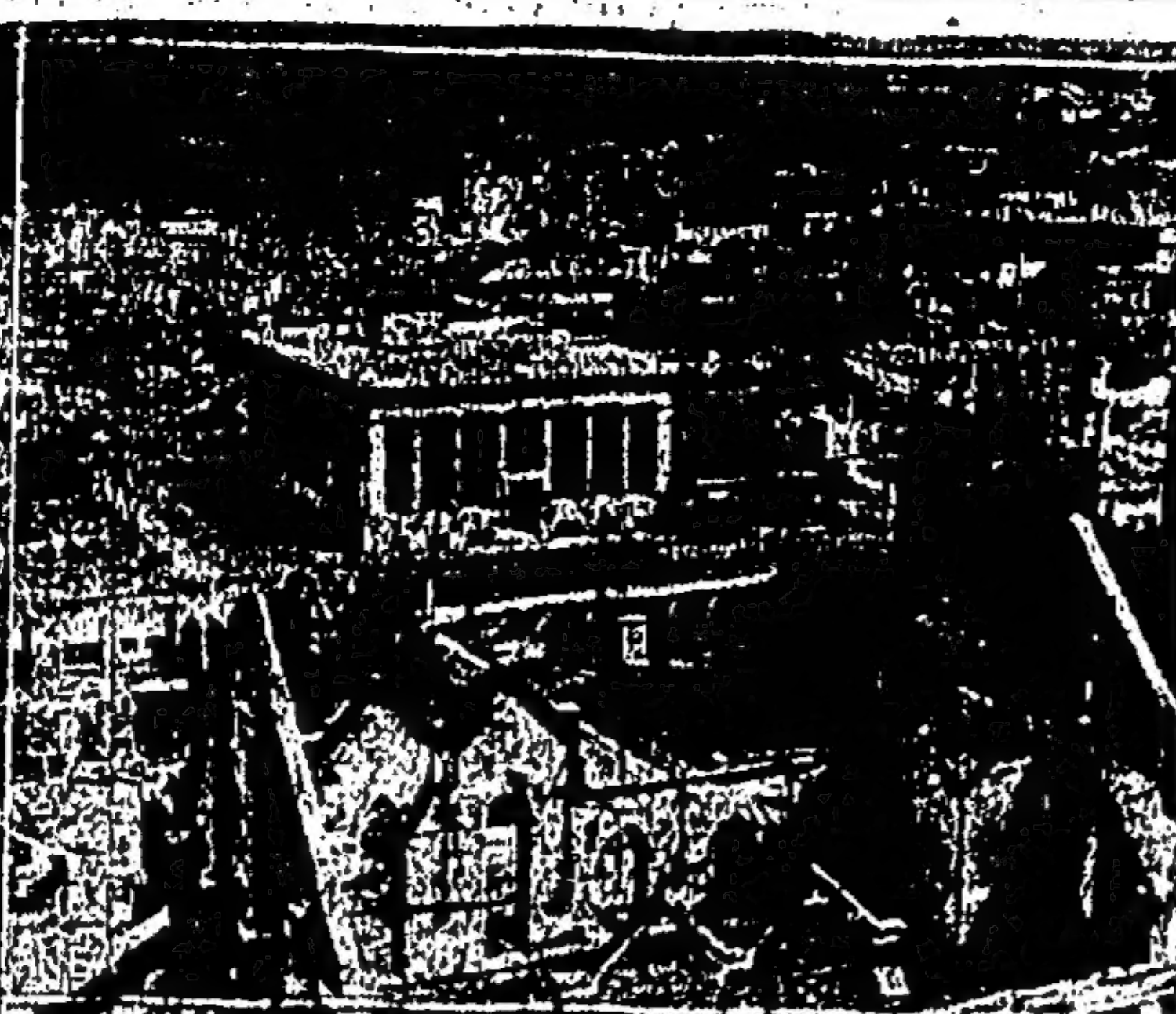
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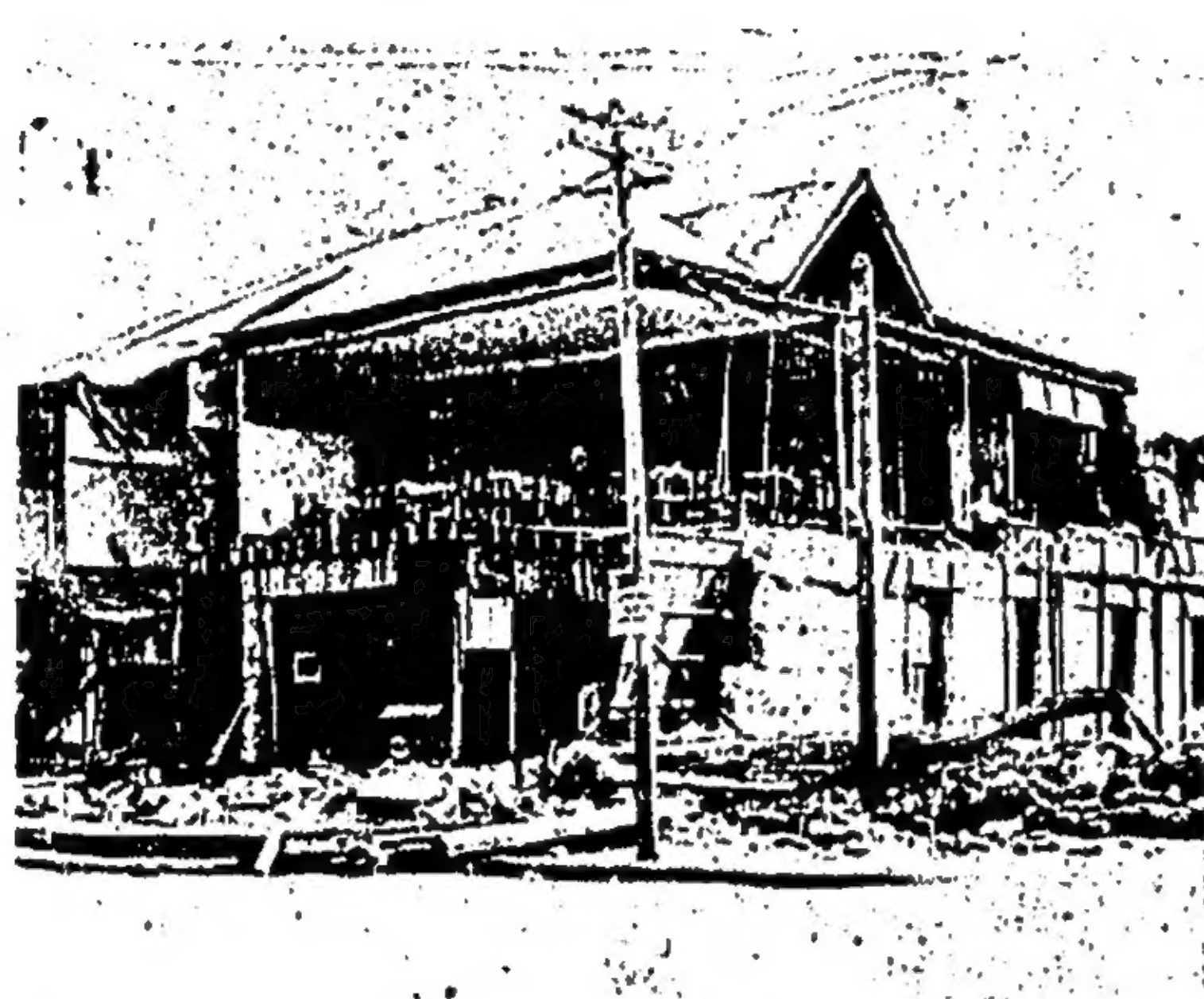
Picture taken in Napier, New Zealand, where several hundred died as a result of the disastrous earthquake and fire. In the foreground on the right the Public Trust Building, one of the few large buildings which withstood the shock. It later fell with added tremors; at right, sailors from British warships establish soup kitchens on the street of Napier to feed the homeless thousands.



Taken at Bangkok recently, our picture shows Nelson Rockefeller, son of J. D. Jr.



Scene on one of Napier's principal streets following the disastrous quake. In the foreground the cracked pavement, and in the background, smoking ruins.



This scene graphically shows how residences fell into ruins as the disastrous quake struck Napier, New Zealand.



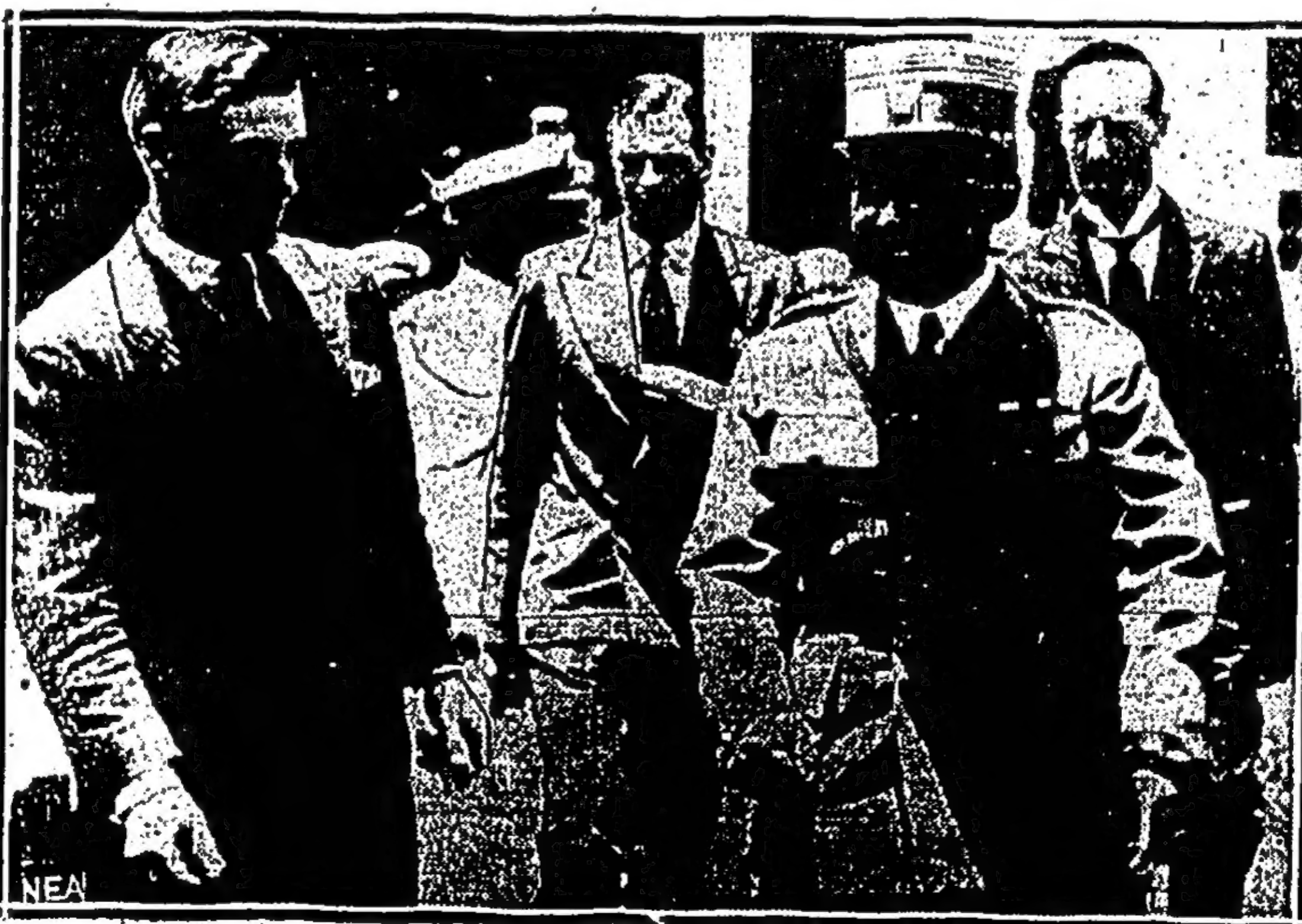
What happened to one car parked on the streets of Napier, when the disastrous earthquake occurred.



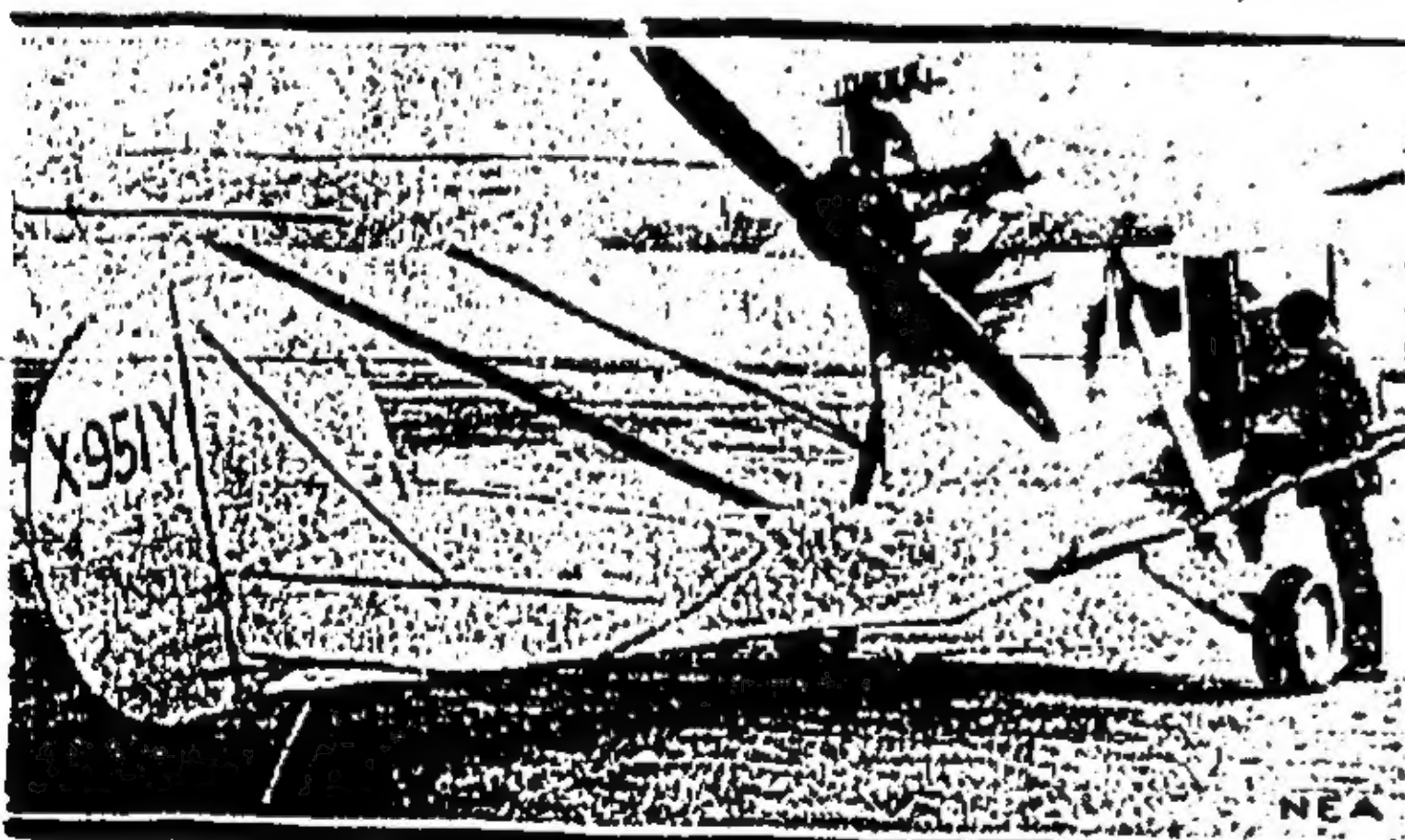
New members of the Shanghai Consular Body. Right, Mr. A. R. Ringwalt, who has been appointed American Vice-Consul. Left, Mr. J. Lilliehook, the Consul-General for Sweden, who has just returned to China from leave.



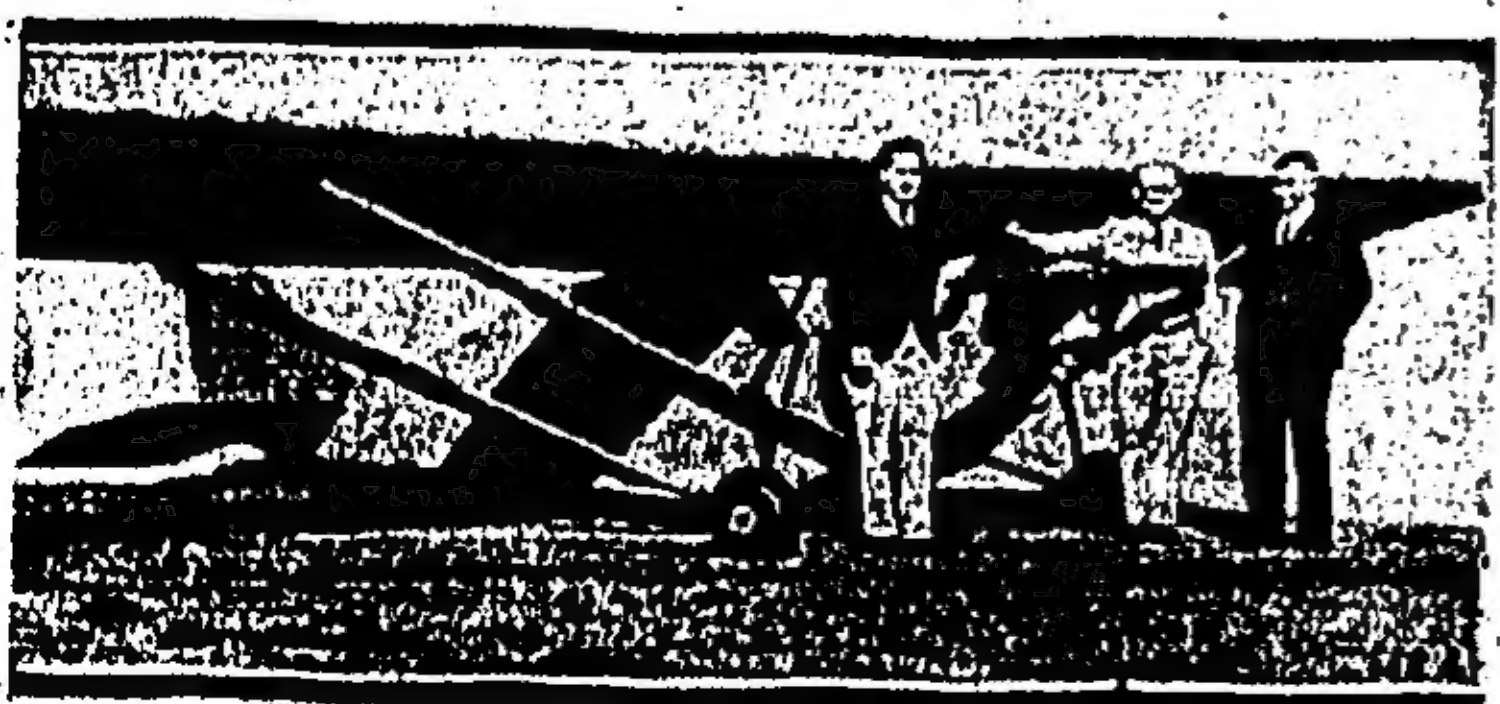
Lillian Fisher, 15, above is believed to have been saved from death by an injection of parrot's blood, administered through mishearing of the instruction parent's blood. She was suffering from infantile paralysis.



Our photo shows the Prince of Wales and Prince George at Lima, being escorted on a sight-seeing tour by Col. Sanchez (right) president of the Peruvian military junta. With Prince George is Mr. Bantalek, British Minister.



Here is the latest innovation in modern aircraft designing. This oddly shaped pusher-type ship, designed by Earl McCarty, was shown in Los Angeles recently. Its designer claims complete absence of noise and vibration and a top speed of about 90 miles per hour.



A speed of 50 m.p.h. is claimed for the tiny plane shown above which has been introduced to America as a silver plane. The designers are shown with their product.



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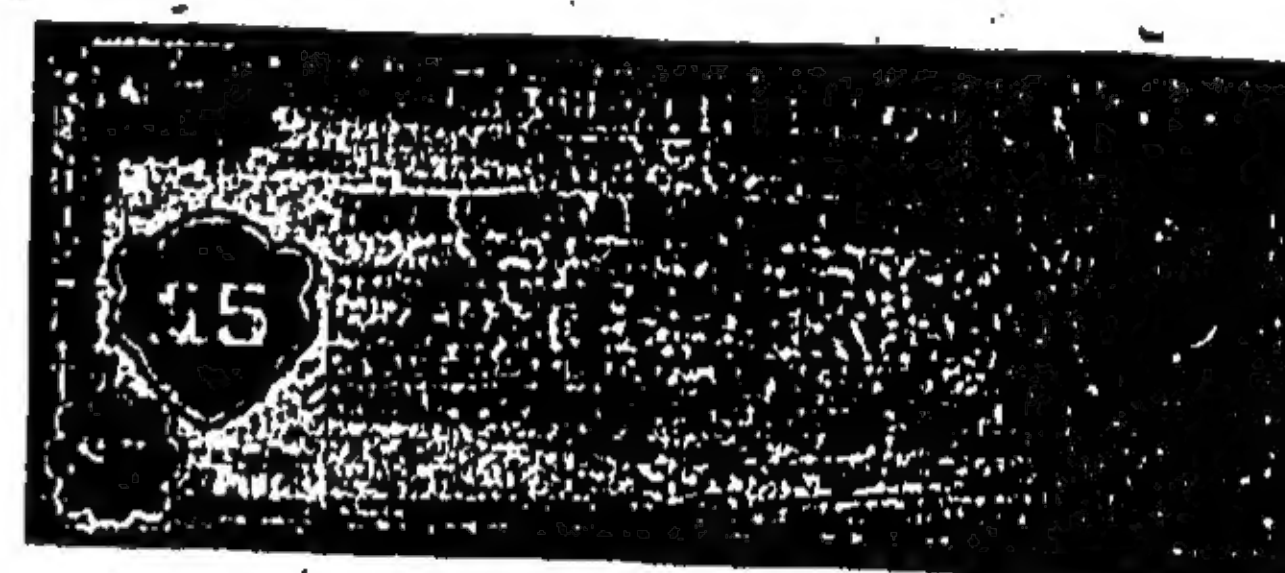
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Owing to congestion in the Members' Enclosure, the Free Passes to Ladies will be restricted to One per Member as from the commencement of the Club's financial year, 1st April, 1931.

By Order.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong).

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1931, until Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1931, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1931.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Lot No. 1437, Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong	142 ft. by 142 ft. (approx.)	20,364	\$24	\$27,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Lot No. 1438, Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hongkong	142 ft. by 142 ft. (approx.)	20,364	\$24	\$27,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Lot No. 1439, Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hongkong	142 ft. by 142 ft. (approx.)	20,364	\$24	\$27,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	Lot No. 1440, Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong	142 ft. by 142 ft. (approx.)	20,364	\$24	\$27,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
5	Lot No. 1441, Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong	142 ft. by 142 ft. (approx.)	20,364	\$24	\$27,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
6	Lot No. 1442, Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hongkong	142 ft. by 142 ft. (approx.)	20,364	\$24	\$27,500

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Mercantile A. and B., \$24½ n.
East Asia \$118 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1395 s.
Union Ins., \$625 s.
China Underwriters, \$360 b.
China Fire, \$535 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1360 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$25 s.
H. K. Steamships, \$25 b.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$10 b.
Kahans, 35/-
Shai Explorations, Tls. 5½ n.
Kaubs \$38 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$161 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29½ b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.20 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 282 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 5½ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 14.55 b.
Shai Cotton Tls. 10½ b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$13.50 b.
H. K. Land \$84½ b.
Shai Land Tls. 400 b.
Humphreys, \$16.70 n.
Realties, \$9.80 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.70 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14¼ s.
Star Ferries, \$38 b.
China Lights, (old) \$24.50 b.
H.K. Electric, \$77¼ n.
Telephones, \$45 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18 n.
Singapore Traction, 6/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabon \$40 b.
Canton Ice, \$3.30 n.
Cement (Comb.), \$16.40 b.
Ropes, \$13.80 b.
Venz: Goldfields \$3.60 b.
Stores, etc.
Watson, \$12.60 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$4.25 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$13¼ n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20 n.
Constructions, \$5.50 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$68½ b.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

MAIL NOTICE.

The public are notified that commencing 26.3.31 the rates for radio-telegrams to AMOY and FOOCHOW will be as follows:

Foreign & Code 30 cents per word.

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From	For	Date
Java and Manila	Tilalak	March 26.
Shanghai	Rawalpindi	March 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 5th Mar.) and Europe via Siberia (London 9th Mar.)	Asama Maru	March 27.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 7th Mar.)	Pres. Taft	March 27.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	March 28.
Japan	St. Albans	March 29.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjikembang	March 29.
Manila	Empress of Japan	March 29.
Straits	Kidderpore	March 30.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuen Sank	March 30.
Straits	Cremor	March 31.
Batavia	Tjinegara	March 31.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 14th Mar.)	Emps. of Asia	April 2.
Straits	Jakusan Maru	April 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	April 3.
Australia and Manila	Nelore	April 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangen Thurs. Mar. 26, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan Thurs. Mar. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Wuchow	Tai Hing Thurs. Mar. 26, 4 p.m.
Haiphong	Solviken Thurs. Mar. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	G. G. Albert Sarraut Thurs. Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Formosa	Benvenitich Thurs. Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Benvenitich Thurs. Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Formosa	Rajputana Fri. Mar. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Benvenitich Fri. Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Benvenitich Fri. Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kiungchow Fri. Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Hai Ching Fri. Mar. 27, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Keechow Fri. Mar. 27, 4 p.m.

Rawalpindi Sat. Mar. 28.
K.O.
Parcels Sat. Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Mar. 28, 9 a.m.
Letters " " 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Registration Mar. 28, 9.45 a.m.
Letters " " 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 24th April.)

Chip Shing Sat. Mar. 28, 5 p.m.
Antung Wed. Mar. 28, 5 p.m.
Canton Maru Sun. Mar. 29, 9 a.m.
Kwang Tung Mon. Mar. 30, 12.30 p.m.

Prus. Jackson Mon. Mar. 30.
Parcels " " 3 p.m.
Registration " " 4.15 p.m.
Letter " " 5 p.m.
(Due San Francisco 21st April.)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Pres. Jackson Mon. Mar. 30.
Registration " " 5 p.m.
Letters " " 6 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 1st May.)

Yuenanang Mon. Mar. 30, 5 p.m.
Tjikembang Tues. Mar. 31, 9.30 a.m.

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G. F. O.
Registration " " 1.45 p.m.
Letters " " 2.30 p.m.
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Parcels " " 3.1st Mar. 4.30 p.m.
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Letters " " 1st Apr. 9 a.m.
(Due Brisbane 18th April.)

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CINEMA NOTES.

"COHENS AND KELLYS IN SCOTLAND."

If there is anything funnier than a "Cohen and Kelly" it is another "Cohen and Kelly". The famous Jewish comedy team will troop into the Queen's Theatre on Sunday on their fourth annual fun-making excursion. This time they appear as "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland"—and what they leave undone in one way of mirth-provocation isn't worth mentioning.

George Sidney, Charlie Murray, Vera Gordon and Kate Price are together again in this latest of Universal's uproarious "Cohen and Kelly" series. All are seasoned actors of stage and screen, singularly gifted for comedy portrayals. They work together like clockwork.

As for the story, suffice to say that the Cohens and Kellys, unknown to each other, start out for Scotland with the idea of making a fortune off the natives. They find that they were exceedingly over-optimistic in their intentions. In so tough a spot do they find themselves that they sink their ancient enmity to become partners again.

The picture is studded with hilarious bits of business which sound tame when related but the treatment of which makes for unforgettable comedy. For instance, the ineffectual attempts of Cohen and Kelly to play golf, their antics when they bet on the horse races, and Cohen trying to talk Scotch, all are extremely comical.

It is no exaggeration to say there is not a dull moment in the entire picture. The laughs blend into one another so quickly that the mirth may fairly be said to be continuous. Given a funny plot and the finest comedians on stage and screen, the result was the proverbial foregone conclusion.

Much of the credit for the literally howling success of the picture must be given to William James Craft for his splendid direction. Known as one of the foremost comedy directors in films, he had already shown his mettle in the "Cohens and Kellys" series by his direction of the "Cohens and Kellys in Atlantic City". In their Scottish adventure he has surpassed himself.

Prominent in the cast are E. J. Ratelle, William Colvin and Lloyd Whitlock. All turn in flawless performances. John McDermott wrote the story of "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland", and Albert DeMond supplied the dialogue.

Reginald Denny in "Madam Satan" "You know the most terrific blow to one's vanity is to be a public character, as it were for years, and then to find out that despite advertising and the glare of the spotlight, people in general really had remembered very few things about you."

It was Reginald Denny commenting. The good-looking star settled himself easier in a big chair and proceeded. "I have been a star in silent pictures for nearly ten years," he said, "all the facts of my life have been printed many times, but when it was announced that I was to sing in Cecil B. De Mille's 'Madam Satan', nobody ever seems to have read that I come from the oldest singing family of the English stage; that I made my debut in 'The Widow' and sang in light opera for years!" He grinned the familiar Denny grin.

"I suppose that this situation is the result of doing nothing but semi-slapsack silent comedies for so long," he said. "The picture public gets an idea of a man as a comedian, and it is difficult to destroy that conception."

"I became a star without singing, without voice, and by virtue of comedy scenes only. People seemed to like me in comedies, and now, apparently, they hold the opinion that I can do nothing else."

"I can assure you, however, that voice training came to me as a boy long before I did my first scene as an actor. My father was a baritone in Gilbert and Sullivan operas, and he saw to it that I never missed a single music lesson. And my greatest vocal experience came when I went to India and the Far East and for over a year sang in such light operas as 'The Dollar Princess', 'The Chocolate Soldier' and 'Gypsy Love'."

"So therefore, in 'Madam Satan' I am just getting back to a very familiar medium after a long, long rest. I greatly enjoyed the work with Mr. De Mille. His reputation as a director needs no further praise from me. Suffice it is to say that I think he has a delightful story, and the music is a treat both to sing and hear."

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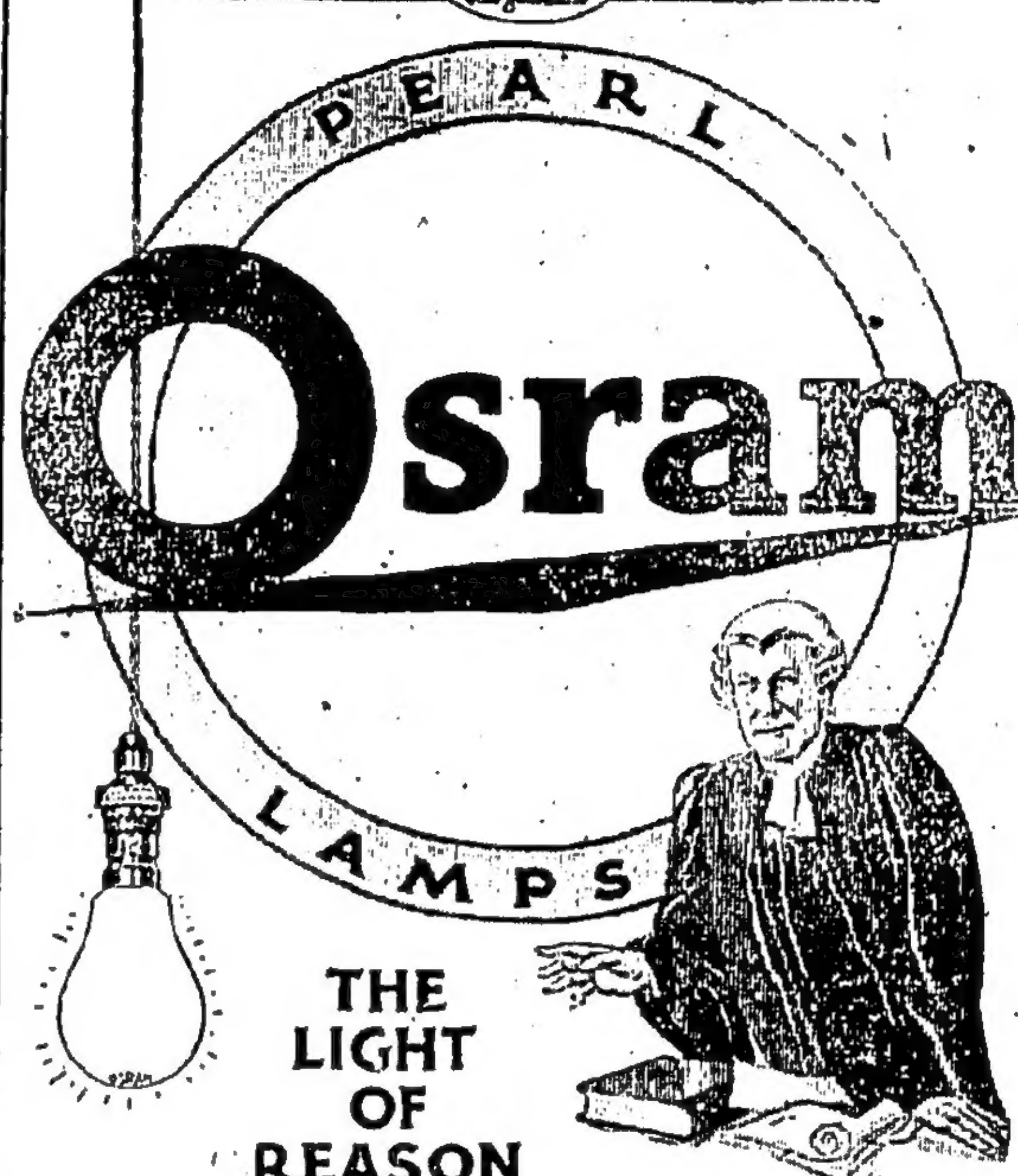
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Charlie Murray and George Sidney, "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa" opened at the Central Theatre last night to an enthusiastic audience.

As the fifth of the series of Universal picture plays in which Murray and Sidney with Vera Gordon and Kate Price have been featured, "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa" is among the best of the group.

The riotous comedy introduces Cohen and Kelly as piano manufacturers whose business is at the point of ruin because of a shortage of ivory for their piano keys. Meeting a pseudo-explorer who paints a glowing picture of veritable mountains of ivory in Africa Cohen and Kelly decide to finance an expedition to the "Dark Continent" with the explorer, "Windjammer Thorn," as leader.

The intrepid comedians become involved in almost every conceivable jungle on their memorable expedition including the loss of their wives. The screen play follows their escapades from the time they leave the boat at Mombasa, over the veldt and through jungles until their departure from a sheik's harem for the United States.

The jungle atmosphere and hair-raising scenes have been reproduced with surprising fidelity. Withal, the picture being a comedy, facts form the basis of the production and many surprising scenes were made in Hollywood, that would lead one to believe that the company had travelled several

MERAPI ERUPTING.

JAVA VOLCANO BELCHING FORTH LAVA.

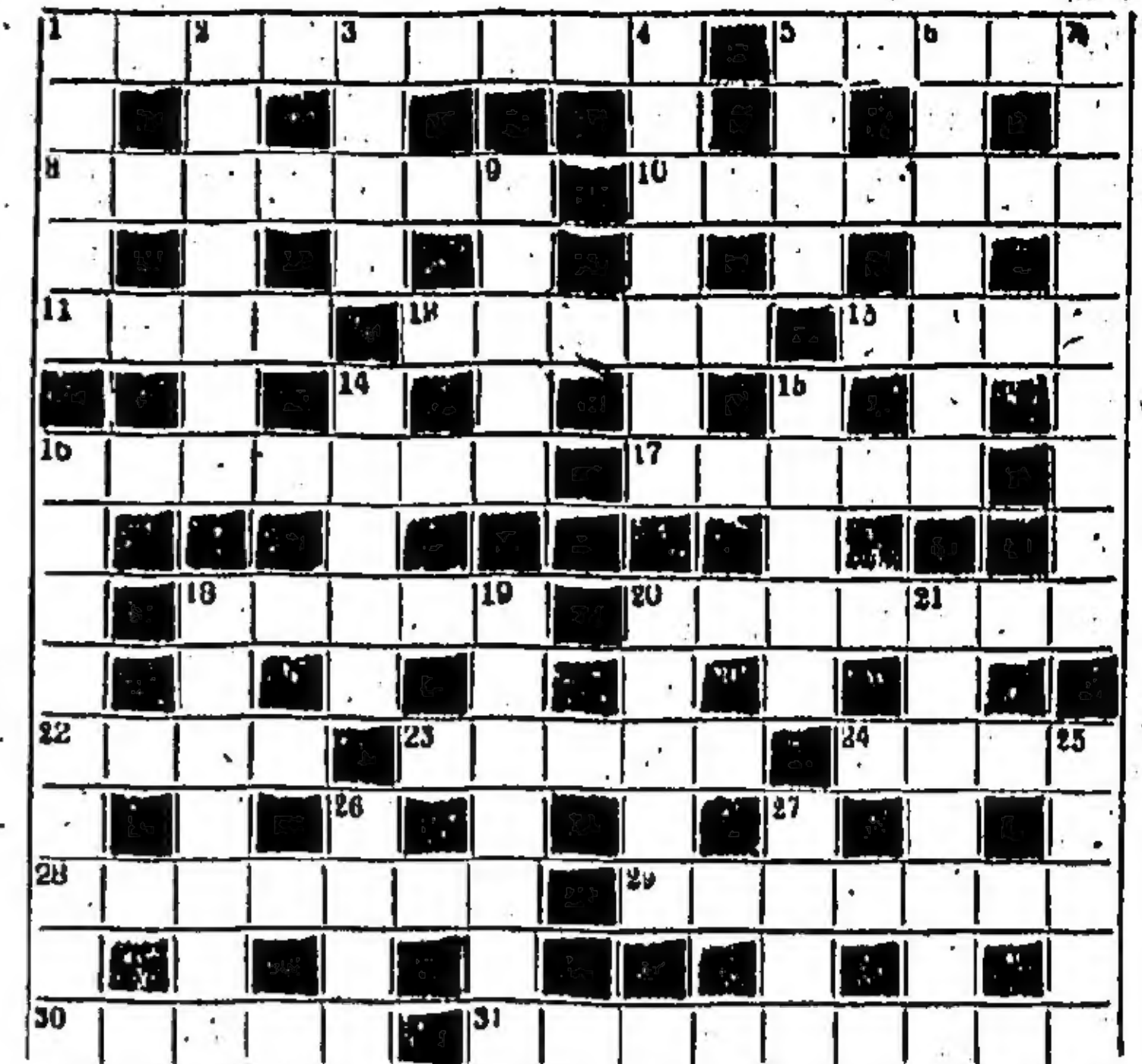
Tagajang (Java), Mar. 25. Several eruptions, accompanied by a rain of ashes, have occurred in the volcano Merapi since Sunday. Three small villages have had to be evacuated as the stream of lava from the crater is advancing at the rate of about 30 yards a day.—Reuter.

thousand miles to "shoot" the picture.

Murray and Sidney are seen at their best. Having worked together in motion pictures for several years, they form a perfect comedy duo, natural in every movement, and their antics never fail to produce a maximum number of laughs. Vera Gordon and Kate Price are always to be considered in any comment on the Cohens and Kellys. They give excellent performances and add many delightful bits to the rapid fire comedy of the production.

An excellent supporting cast includes Lloyd Whitlock, Frank Davis, Nick Cogley, Eddie Kane and the two vivacious little French Girls, Georgette Rhodes and Renee Marville.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- This is certainly deserving of your esteem.
- Beneath the aisle episode lay more than was apparent (hidden).
- Inhabitants.
- A cynic once said, in effect, he could resist everything except this one's wiles.
- Consumes.
- City of Northern Italy.
- One of the world's greatest musicians.
- You, yourself, when in poetical vein.
- An odour that with another centre would be scarcely sufficient.
- Although sometimes painful, most women strive to be this.
- This vehicle may be built for comfort, but if speed is essential, then travel in the first part and let the second part bring the luggage.
- Untidy woman.
- Its men are famed in song.
- Whom! The pots have turned round.
- Submarine—and certainly not underground.
- This form of building is never speculative.
- Entices insidiously.
- The father of tragedy.

Down

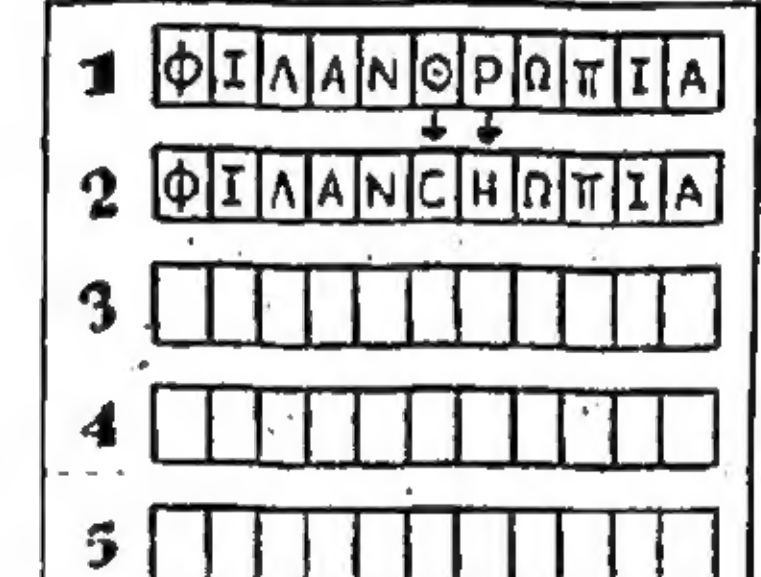
- Om! Change its head, and skates will enable you to do it swiftly.
- He was "well reported of by his brethren."
- A fiddling, softening little affair.
- Necessitates.
- Not all.

- Pull out—17 across is one.
- Famous temple now being restored.
- And nonsense follows as a matter of course.
- 24 across in nautical circles.
- Listen, and provides a share.
- The mushroom's outcast cousin.
- Hesitate while speaking this.
- "Fair-man's imperial" race ensnare. And beauty draws us with a single hair! ("Rape of the Lock").
- A sunny fellow, as a rule, but nothing can get over the fact that he has a low heart.
- Sulphuric acid.
- It means more even than you think, and one mustn't stop a gesture of apology (hidden).
- A Latin work.
- Norwegian city.

Yesterday's Solution

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C O L L E C T E D N E S S

STICKERS



The top line contains the 11 Greek letters composing the word philanthropy. The problem is to transform the Greek word into an English word, in five moves, by the following rule: In each step, two letters which are side-by-side, may be changed. For example, in the first move the Greek letters theta and rho are changed to C and H, as shown in the diagram. Change two more, going from 2 to 3, and so on to the last line. Any letter may be changed twice.

GRAND NATIONAL.

PROBABLES AND JOCKEYS ANNOUNCED.

London, Mar. 25.
The Grand National probabilities are as follows, jockeys in brackets: Easter Hero. (Rees), Glib (Foster), Shaungolin (Keogh), Gregalach (Moloney), Kakushin (Everett), Grakle (Lyall), Drintyre (Brownhill), Kilbuck (Chisman), Sir Lindsay (Thackray), Trump Card (W. Gurney), Gylloam (Captain Peller), Drin (Speck), Swift Rowland (Leader), Thurus (Walsh), Skrun Prince (Wool), Eallaspout (D. Williams), Richmond (the Second (Stott), Guiding Light (McKeevor), Greatspan (Hardy), Georgiatown (Maxwell), Apostasy (Brookes), Sandy Hook (Fish), Rhythero (Bedeloup), Easy Virtue (Powell), Big Black Boy (Payne), Aspirant (Parvin), Starbox (Urquhart), May King (Fanthaw), Oxelosce (F. Gurney), Melornys Belle (Mason), Alike (Sclater), Glangosin (Brown), Morekeen (Cooke), Ruddyman (Brown), Solanum (Hamey), Tamasha (Elliot), Mallard (Dutton), Southhill (Cullinan), Annandale (Escoff), Harewood (Goode), Toybell (D. Morgan), Silvegreen (Moseley), Ballyhan Wood (Isaac). No jockeys are mentioned for Royal Arch the Second and Pixie.—Reuter.

Yesterday's Solution

The problem of dividing \$7000 among three servants, in proportion to each one's length of service, the butler having worked three times as long as the cook and the chauffeur twice as long as the butler, is solved thus: The chauffeur served six times as long as the cook and the butler three times as long as the cook. Thus the legacy should be divided into 10 portions of \$700 each. The chauffeur received six portions, or \$4200; the butler three portions, or \$2100, and the cook one portion, or \$700.

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A NATIONAL PLAN.

The increasing complexity of the problems of the modern State, the intricacy of the politico-economic questions to which Governments have to seek a solution, and in particular, the present world depression, is having important reactions on political thought at home. During the life of the present Parliament, impatience with our forms of government has already made itself felt in the most diverse quarters. The Prime Minister himself has shown this in his manifest desire to get on with the business of government unhampered by factious criticism in the Commons. At the close of a session we can almost hear his sign of relief at being able to set down to the real problems of policy and administration. In his party, again, there has been a growing murmur of discontent at the lot of the private member. Of the six hundred members of Parliament only a very small proportion can take part in debate. They are required to be on hand when the division bell rings; but they cannot hope to exercise material influence on the development of policy. Yet many of them are able men, and men who in seeking election to Parliament hoped to be able to carry into a wider sphere talents which have proved useful hitherto. They arrive at Westminster to find themselves reduced to the position of cyphers. These conditions have led in the rank and file, at least of the Labour Party, to a proposal that the Committee system should be developed. In this way it would be possible to pass on to Parliament the system of County Councils in which although members are elected on a party ticket they may, irrespective of party, serve on the administrative Committees of the Council. The proposal as regards Parliament is rather that more business should be referred to Committee composed of keen men of all parties, concerned with constructive criticism, and already eliminating factious oppositions, into which the slogan that it is the duty of an Opposition to oppose tends to degenerate. Parallel with this kind of proposal is the Prime Minister's conception of Parliament as a Council of State, concerned, once the Government is chosen, with constructive legislation and with administrative, and eliminating merely party point of view.

There are, however, indications of an increasing conviction in the

nation that some more radical re-organisation of our national life is required. Present parliamentary methods are too cumbersome for the requirements of the age. Some extensive simplification and devolution of the work of government must be effected. The issue was brought dramatically to the front by the manifesto of Sir Oswald Mosley. His proposals, though they have not yet won any large measure of support, have brought out clearly the possibility of a certain type of reorganisation which might make for efficiency. It is not likely that many will be drawn to the suggestion that the government of the country might be placed in the hands of an oligarchy of five; but that new forms must be found, and imagination and brains brought to bear on the problem, is increasingly recognised. A most interesting contribution to this line of thought comes in the shape of A National Plan drawn up by the *Week-End Review*. The Plan claims to take conditions as they are and to draw the obvious corollaries from certain phases of our present organisation. It might be called an alternative either to Socialism or to Fascism, according to the sympathies of the reader. As against Socialism it declares against the continued extension of government interference. As against Fascism it contains no place for a Dictator, abjures the use of force, and relies on the consent of the electorate for its being carried into practice. In particular it insists on the perfect freedom of all organs of criticism, the pulpit, the press, the theatre and so on.

The Plan proposes the reduction of the business now done by Parliament by its transference to Industry organised as Public Utility Services, such as the B.B.C. and the Electricity Board. Parliament thus relieved would be set free for essential legislative work and the general consideration of policy. The Cabinet should be reduced to the number of ten Ministers, but these would be, not as in Sir Oswald Mosley's scheme, Ministers without portfolio, but heads of the important departments, as at present. The essence of the scheme, however, is the re-organisation of industry into vast public utility services, each controlled by a Council appointed, at high salaries, from the industry itself. Each industry would be entrusted with the control of its own concerns, subject to the decisions of an Industrial Court, which would develop what the Plan seems to envisage as a new body of law, partly statute and partly equity. Each industry in exercising control would have the power to eliminate waste; profits would be limited, but there would be a compensating security for the enterprise. Foreign trade would be regulated by the Council of Industry, acting with powers conferred by the Legislature, and enabling purchase of goods and materials from abroad to be planned for a number of years ahead. It is claimed that problems of Free Trade and Protection would thus automatically disappear.

With these arrangements for organisation of the industrial life of the country would run parallel a system of National Planning. This would be in the hands of a permanent organisation appointed, by Parliament but independent of it, as the judiciary is independent, and under it would be co-ordinated departments for research and statistics. A further line of development proposed in under the heading of "Civic" and includes a variety of plans, not least of which is a reconstruction of London. In this section the most noticeable feature is a large transference of powers from local to national authorities. The Plan is a big one and we have only referred to what seem to us the more significant features. It is offered for criticism and discussion, and obviously would require a great deal of both before it

DAY BY DAY

HE WHO SHOWS COURTESY REAPS FRIENDSHIP.—Basil.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on the 6th March arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on the 24th March, having been 19 days in transit.

A chow dog belonging to B.S.M. Monchion, Royal Artillery, stationed on Stonecutters Island, has been removed to Matakook for observation, the animal having bitten its master on the face.

Believed to have been suffering from poisoning, a Chinese male, Cheung Pan-chi, of 82, Connaught Road West, was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital by his relatives for treatment.

The University Union will hold a tea-party in the Union Assembly Hall on Friday, 27th March, 1931, in honour of Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.S.C., who will be shortly leaving for England on leave.

Li Leung-kung, of 346, Des Voeux Road, Central, who was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries through falling from the staircase of his house, has since died from a fracture of the skull.

The monthly whist drive of the Kowloon Branch of the Helena May Institute is being held to-morrow night, commencing at 8.45 p.m. Tickets, 80 cents for members and \$1 for non-members, will be obtainable at the door.

In a report to the police, Mrs. Costa, of 23, Kung Ming Street, first floor, stated that her god-daughter, Olga Xavier, aged 13, who speaks English, Portuguese and Chinese, having been born in Hongkong, has been missing since March 6th last.

Injuries to his head as well as fractures to his ribs were received by a Chinese, named Lam Cheuk, 63 years of age, of 31, Jardine's Bazaar, through being knocked down by motor lorry 2389 in Morrison Hill Road yesterday afternoon.

Following a post mortem examination, it was ascertained that Ng Ki, a four-year-old girl of 367, Lai-chik Road, who was stated to have died as a result of injuries received in an assault by a seven-year-old boy, succumbed from bronchitis and not from the effects of any assault.

Local estate to the value of \$18,600 was left by the late Mui Yiu-nik, late of No. 28, Gough Street, who died intestate at the Young Wo Hospital on October 31, 1928. Letters of administration have been granted to his son, Mui Nai-woot, No. 62, Wing Lok Street, and a concubine, Wong Shi, otherwise known as Wong Kwai-chung, of No. 28, Gough Street.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over N.E. China. The Yangtze depression has moved to the S.E. of Korea. The monsoon will set in again along the S.E. coast of China.

could be agreed upon, or even before its feasibility could be explored. Many public men comment on the plan. There is a chorus of praise for the idea of planning in itself. Apart from that a number of weak points are pointed out, not the least important being the haziness of the Plan in the region of finance.

ROBERT LYND says

PITY THE POOR GUNMAN.

To be great, said Emerson, is to be misunderstood. Mr. Al Capone, the greatest gangster Chicago or the world has ever known, has recently discovered the truth of Emerson's saying. And so disgusted is he by the extent to which he has been misunderstood that he threatens to retire from his business as a philanthropist.

For it is as a philanthropist that Mr. Capone seeks himself. Referring to his enemy, Judge Lyle, he says: "The difference between me and the anti-gangster, Judge Lyle, is just this. Lyle spends thousands trying to get office; I spend thousands feeding the unemployed."

In other words, Judge Lyle is a self-seeking politician, while Mr. Capone goes about doing good on the selfless model of the Cheeryble Brothers.

Mr. Capone's Testimonial to Himself.

I have often suspected that we were getting only one side of the story of the Chicago gangsters. Bandits, I remembered, have been libelled in all ages by those who stood on the strict letter of legality. The lawyers, being pedants, looked on them simply as lawbreakers, forgetting their charity and civility. What lawyer could appreciate the inscription on the tomb of a recent Corsican bandit: "He was a bandit, but he was not a bad man?"

Similarly, one cannot imagine a lawyer being fair to Chhadhaji, an eminent brigand who was killed in Asia Minor some years ago. Here was a man who undoubtedly kidnapped, robbed, and, if provoked, shot them, but he gave his money (or, rather, other people's money) away lavishly to the poor, and was so famous for his kindly actions that the local missionaries were delighted to play golf with him.

Then there was Robin Hood, the most popular English philanthropist of the Middle Ages. He had his faults, being, like you and me, only human, but he probably gave away a larger amount of other people's money than any other Englishman in history, except a war-time Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Away With "Technicalities."

So that it is not difficult, after all, to take a rosier view than the ordinary one of the psychology of the Chicago gangster. As a boy, we may imagine, he is something of an idealist, longing to play Father Christmas all round in a world in which Father Christmas makes far too rare appearances. He realises, however, that in order to play Father Christmas on a large scale, he must have money and that this is a world in which as a general rule, all the money belongs to other people.

He shrinks at first from the notion of bumping people off, taking them for a ride, and shooting up restaurants crowded with young and happy human beings. But the vision of all the good that a gunman could do with other people's money persuades him to his task. Technicalities, speaking of course, this means that he becomes what is called a law-breaker; but who, with so great an object in view, would bother about technicalities? Drago didn't, and Mr. Capone doesn't. Let Judge Lyle keep the law and pursue his selfish ambitions. Mr. Capone would rather break the law and help the unemployed.

Cynics no doubt, will continue to maintain that Mr. Capone has amassed his fortune of twenty million dollars, not with a view to helping the poor, but in the same self-seeking spirit in which the ordinary citizen earns his salary. Cynics have never seen—and neither have I—Mr. Capone slumbering, with a peaceful smile on his face, and, above his head, the framed motto announcing that—Just the art of being kind. Is all this and world needs. Cynics, however, would have doubted the complete altruism of Robin Hood.

And, now that I come to think of it, so, perhaps, do I.

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Play Writing.

By a YOUNG DRAMATIST.

It is madness, you know. For there is not the least certainty that any new playwright's work of quality will be produced. Indeed there are not half a dozen dramatists all told in Great Britain who can be sure of seeing their future work on the stage. Novels are different. There are scores of novelists who know their work will be published, no matter how bad it may be. As a long-suffering playgoer I drowsy you softly cheered what I just said about the dramatists. Forgive me not cheering with you.

Because, you know, there are good plays being written. Writing plays is a child's work compared with getting them read, which is genius, and getting them produced, which is a miracle.

Nothing on earth becomes so easily lost, stolen or strayed as a play manuscript. I have had plays lost by very distinguished managers indeed—very distinguished at losing plays, anyway. I have also had them returned to me with the comment that they were among the best plays they had ever read; and I can well believe it. For, judging by the time they have taken to read my own, they can only get through about two plays a year.

Why, Indeed?

After all, why should a manager look for new authors? For one thing, the arena is cluttered with the old ones; and the new ones are a great nuisance. They expect the manager to answer their letters and read their plays, and while it is true he doesn't usually do either, plays take up room and collect dust. Besides, new plays frighten a manager—he likes to run in little, well-worn circles—sex plays, cronk plays, musical plays. Don't breathe "War play!" "Journey's End" terrified him before it was a success, and its memory terrifies him still more now it has been a success.

Our so-called repertory theatres are nothing of the kind. They are concerned, as to 80 or 90 per cent. of their time, with putting on established West End or foreign successes. They can't afford to take risks; that is their sincere belief. They struggle on like dying men who won't take medicine in case it kills them. As for London's Sunday play producing societies, either they are so commercial-minded that unless they believe a play can be sold instantly they won't put it on, or they are so high-brow that they won't put it on unless it be obscure, or translated from the Peruvian or Chinese. Besides, they have reading committees whose ten members pass the plays round their families to avoid subscribing to libraries.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penreath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 7/3 down 1/4 d.
May 1931 6/4 1/2 down 1/4 d.
August 1931 6/7 1/2 down 1 d.
December 1931 6/11 1/2 down 1/2 d.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.84 down 2 pts.
May 1931 1.31 down 2 pts.
July 1931 1.40 down 1 pt.
September 1931 1.47 down 1 pt.
December 1931 1.55 down 2 pts.

The concert and dance arranged by the St. Joseph's College Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, to take place on Saturday, March 28, in Hotel Cecil, has been unavoidably postponed. It will now be held on Wednesday, April 1st.



We had it 10 degrees warmer here yesterday than it was in Bermuda.

**INSURANCE HAS
BAD YEAR.****EASY MONEY FALLACY
EXPLODED.****BETTER PROSPECTS FOR
1930 ACCOUNT.****HONGKONG FIRES.**

The fallacy that insurance is easy money under any circumstances was exploded by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson in the course of his speech when presiding at the annual shareholders meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., to-day when he pointed out that the margin of profit made by the Company during 1929 was not three per cent. He stated that 1929 would be remembered as the worst year in the history of present-day insurance.

A more hopeful note was struck by the references to the 1930 Account, the credit balance showing an increase of more than half a million dollars over 1929.

Shareholders were warned that the continuance of the exchange bonus will be dependent entirely on the future fluctuations of exchange.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said: "Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read. The result of our operations for the year 1929, now under review, has been lean indeed, with a margin of profit of under 1%; this, however, will not find you unprepared as it was predicted in my predecessor's speech of last year and, when we view the reports of many other Companies covering the same period, we may consider ourselves fortunate that we finished up with anything at all on the right side of the book. The year in question will long be remembered as one of the worst in the history of present-day 'Fire' insurance and it is a good one to leave behind us."

Exchange Effects.

As with everything in Hongkong, in these days, exchange has featured largely in our accounts and the rate of 1/1½, at which they are presented to you has had a very marked effect both on balances and premium income; the latter as shown at \$2,360,711.51 is no less than \$615,526.18 more than for the year 1928 and, though the fall in the sterling value of the dollar has contributed very largely to this increase, I am glad to be able to inform you that our income from both gold and silver sources has been well maintained in spite of commercial depression and the acute competition now prevailing, the latter the more so in respect to your Company's particular branch of insurance.

The ratio of losses is appreciably higher at 59.16%, as compared with 43.63% for 1928, while that for charges is somewhat less at 38.06% as against 39.35%. An addition of the percentages of losses and charges, at 97.22, leaves us with a figure of profit of but 2.78%, which is meagre enough as I think you will agree.

The 1930 Figures.

The balance at credit of the Working Account for 1930, after twelve months, is \$769,996.61 as compared with \$611,112.36 for 1929, at the same stage, an increase of \$258,884.25 and this I trust you will view as satisfactory; I might mention also that it is \$67,131.50 in excess of any first twelve months' balance of previous years. It would be premature on my part to hazard any sort of opinion as to the final outcome of this Account but, granted that nothing unusually disastrous occurs before the 31st December next, we have every reason to look for a final showing that will bear favourable comparison with the more prosperous of its forerunners.

The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$593,587.77, the balance of Account for 1929, and we recommend the payment of a dividend at the rate of 10% of \$59,358.77, and of an "Exchange" bonus of \$10, making in all \$69,358.77 which will absorb \$480,000, and the transfer of the balance of \$113,587.77—£23,221.16, at exchange 1/1½, to Reinsurance Fund.

Bonus Dependent on Exchange.

In making these recommendations, your General Managers and Consulting Committee have felt that it is only reasonable that shareholders should participate in the very considerable accretion of interest that has resulted from the Company's gold securities, owing to the present low exchange; they do not consider it advisable, however,

**DISCARDED ARMY
CUTLERY.****CASE AGAINST TWO CHINESE
DISMISSED.**

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. Hamilton discharged Chan Fuk and Lau Mau against whom respective charges of larceny and receiving in respect of cutlery from the Shamshui Military Camp had been preferred.

The case had been partly heard before, and this morning the quartermaster of the Camp gave evidence to the effect that the sweeping arrangements in the Camp were all under his control. The first defendant was one of the sweepers, and had been away at the Sun Wui Camp from January 9 until March 14 when he had returned to the Shamshui Camp. The sweepers collected all the rubbish from the Camp and took it to the incinerator where it was sorted out. No special instructions had been issued with regard to the taking away of knives and forks found in the rubbish dump. These articles were usually thrown aside when rusty by the men, and there was no objection to their being taken away.

To increase the definitive dividend beyond a figure that could be maintained with comfort out of interest alone, even should exchange return to a level of 2/1, hence the suggestion of an "Exchange" bonus. They trust, however, that shareholders will take full cognizance of the note appearing in the report wherein it is stated that the continuance of this "Bonus," in the whole or in part, will depend entirely on the future fluctuations of exchange. We are hopeful that what has been done will meet with the approval of shareholders.

All the Reserves are in a highly satisfactory condition as will be seen by a comparison of the balance sheet with that for the year 1929. The assets, as expressed in sterling, show a fall of some £48,000, which was only to be expected, whereas in local currency the increase shown is one of over three million dollars. It may interest shareholders to know that the Company's holdings in gold securities, which are almost entirely gilt-edged, as on the 31st December 1930 were valued at over £400,000.

It is proposed to raise the auditors' fees from \$1,000 to \$1,250 for each firm and you will, I hope, confirm this when the proposal for the re-election of auditors comes before the meeting. I trust also that you will approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the staff.

Fallacy Exploded.

I do not think there is anything further in the accounts that calls for special mention by me. Conditions are as difficult with us in these days as with every other branch of commerce; some people are wont to view insurance as easy under any circumstances, but that fallacy is hardly corroborated by the ratio of profit of 2.78 per cent. that we now disclose for the year 1929.

After the resolution, which I am now about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

I now propose the following resolutions:—"That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a Dividend of \$50 and of an "Exchange" Bonus of \$10, making in all \$60 per share, to the credit of Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed."

Congratulations.

Mr. K. Stuart Smith, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—"Mr. Chairman.—Before seconding the report and accounts, I should like to congratulate the administration on the extraordinary fine showing made through a very difficult time. The balance sheet itself is a sufficient tribute to the ability and foresight of all, and I have very much pleasure in seconding the report and accounts as presented. The resolution was carried unanimously."

Business Matters.

On the proposition of Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, seconded by Mr. J. P. Sherry, the following were re-elected to form the Consulting Committee:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, T. E. Pearce and A. H. White.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed on the motion of Mr. D. V. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson presided and was supported by Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, L. Dunbar, T. E. Pearce, A. H. White (Consulting Committee) and Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary), while the shareholders present were:—Messrs. C. S. Remedios, G. V. Osmund, Stuart Smith, J. P. Sherry, Lo Cheung-shui, M. H. Lo, D. V. Stevenson, Ho Leung, J. H. Both and S. H. Ross.

**COOLIE NUISANCE
ON PEAK.****HOTEL RESIDENT PROSECUTES
DISTURBERS.****CEASELESS CLAMOUR.**

Mr. Frank Austin appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning in proceedings against two chair-coolies who were charged with making a noise calculated to disturb or interfere with public tranquillity between 6 p.m. and 1 a.m.

A Chinese constable, in evidence, said he proceeded to the chair stand at the Upper Tram Station in response to the receipt of a telephone message, and caught the two defendants shouting, "Lai, lai!"

Mr. Austin said at about one or 1.30 this morning he telephoned to Mount Gough Station, and he thought his message was taken down by the Sergeant in charge. "I told him that the coolies on the Upper Tram Station were making a great deal of noise, and asked if anything could be done to stop them."

Mr. Austin added:—"My wife and I live at the Peak Hotel on the top floor, very nearly opposite to the coolies' quarters in the main building facing the Station. I had complained twice before to the Mount Gough Police Station about the noise, and I understand that they did their very best to stop the noise. These coolies make so much noise day and night that it is very troublesome to people living in that quarter. It is worse at night, especially say after 11 o'clock. Whenever a train comes up, there is always a great deal of shouting."

Mr. Austin alluded to the very late hour at which trains are now being run, remarking that a great many people had to get up in the morning on the noise occasioned by these coolies. After 3 a.m., he said, it was not easy to drop off to sleep again.

Like Devils or Wolves.

The noise was just as much in the day-time. "It so happens," continued Mr. Austin, "that my wife has been sick since Saturday, and she tells me that the noise has been just as bad during the day as at night-time. These coolies are like devils possessed, especially when tourists come up to the Peak. They did not come out of the Station in order—they gather round them like devils or wolves."

"I have lived at the Peak Hotel for some years at odd times, and this noise has been going on for a long time, but I think it has never been so bad as lately." The Magistrate fined defendants \$5 each. His Worship said:—"This sort of noise has got to stop. The next offenders who are brought up here and convicted will be fined very heavily. There is no reason for all this noise."

His Worship suggested to Inspector S. Logan that a constable should be kept on duty at the Station to see that the coolies came out in order.

**LANG SAVES SCULLIN
GOVERNMENT.****STRANGE SITUATION IN
AUSTRALIA.**

Canberra, Mar. 25. The followers of Mr. Lang, the extremist Labour Premier of New South Wales, again saved the Commonwealth Government from defeat to-day when the Theodore Fiduciary Notes Bill gained a second reading by the narrow margin of five votes, thirty-four voting in favour and twenty-nine against.

The minority included Mr. Fenton, who acted as Labour Prime Minister during Mr. Scullin's absence in London for the Imperial Conference.

Mr. Fenton has withdrawn his support from the Government in consequence of resentment at the return of Mr. Theodore to the Cabinet.—*Reuter.*

**SIEGE WITH A HOME-
MADE CANNON.****IN BERLIN STREET.**

Berlin, Feb. 19. A little old man of eccentric appearance dragged a home-made cannon through the streets to a square near Kurfurstendamm here to-day, brought it into position and opened rapid fire on the surrounding houses. Passers-by fled in terror until the police intervened in this private civil war.

The gunner meekly surrendered, and both he and his cannon were ignominiously dragged to the police station, to the chagrin of a host of small boys who were pondering the question: "How can we make a gun like this?"

No one took any notice of the old fellow while he was calmly pulling the gun through the streets. The condition of his mind is to be examined.

**TARIFF UNION
PROTEST.**

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He had expressed a strong hope that before they proceeded further in the negotiation of the proposed Customs Union, an opportunity would be given to the Council of the League of Nations, under whose auspices the Protocol of 1922 was negotiated, to assure itself at its May meeting that the proposals were not contrary to the engagements given by Austria in that instrument.

German Attitude.

Berlin, Mar. 26. Replying to representations by the British Ambassador, the Chancellor, Dr. Brüning, declared that the Austro-German agreement was within the meaning of the Geneva Protocol and there were no reasons why the League of Nations should discuss the matter.

The Austrian and German Governments, he added, have no reason to fear an examination of the legal aspects of the agreement, but the German Government does not consider that an examination from the political viewpoint is admissible as the agreement is purely economic.

Dr. Brüning stated that the negotiations for the agreement would take some months to conclude owing to the technical details to be settled.

Austria's Reply To Britain.

Vienna, Mar. 26. Herr Schober, replying to representations by the British Ambassador, declared that the Austrian Government considers the agreement to fall entirely within the framework of the Geneva Protocol of 1922. The Austrian Government, therefore, does not object to the signatories to the Protocol examining the legal side of the agreement, but in view of its economic character, there could be no examination from a political standpoint.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

**FOUR COUNTRIES IN
ONE DAY.****AIRMAN'S AMBITION.**

Mr. H. E. Lewis, well-known as a racing motorist, secured a double success recently in other forms of sporting activity.

In the morning he won a Moth aeroplane in a 10s. sweepstake and then he joined Mr. C. A. Williamson and won the greensome competition of the Middlesex Golfing Alliance at Hadley Wood.

Lewis is an enthusiastic airman; and, inspired by winning a Moth, he means to attempt something which he had long contemplated—to play golf in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales in one day.

One day in the summer he proposes to start at Harlech, in Wales, at about five o'clock in the morning. Having played a round there he will fly to Hoveyake, Cheshire, for his second round, and thence to Stranraer, in Scotland. After the third round he will complete the day with a flight to one of the Belfast courses.

Mr. Lewis has been organising a party of golfers who own aeroplanes for a flight to the Prince's Links, at Sandwich, Kent, the scheme being to land on the course and hold a competition.

He confesses that piloting an aeroplane is not always a good preparation for a round of golf, but declares that the dual role makes for a day crowded with joy.

**DEATH OF MR. F.
ASLETT.****PASSES AWAY IN THE OLD
COUNTRY.**

Widespread regret will be felt at the death of Mr. Francis Aslett, until recently a Sanitary Inspector in the service of the Hongkong Government, who passed away in London on February 27th.

The late Mr. Aslett, who was 52 years of age, left the Colony on retirement in August last, having been operated on for appendicitis just before his departure. No details are to hand regarding the cause of death.

Deceased joined the Government service in 1910 as Head Guard of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, becoming Traffic Inspector in 1912. In 1917, he joined the Sanitary Department as Second-Class Inspector, attaining First-Class rank in 1927.

He leaves a widow, a sister of Mr. J. Osborne, of the Post Office, as well as three children, for whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

**SPEEDWAY FOR
TRAFFIC.****BIG CHANGES FOR
OXFORD-STREET.**

Sweeping changes in the control of traffic in Oxford-street and roads running into it, including the prohibition in certain circumstances of horse-drawn vehicles, are to be brought into operation some time after May 1. The new regulations announced by the Ministry of Transport have been designed to secure both greater safety and a quicker flow of traffic in the thoroughfare.

Traffic control by light signals in what is known as the "flexible progressive system" will be introduced in Oxford-street between Marble Arch and St. Giles-circus so as to enable a continuous flow of traffic to take place at a predetermined speed.

Parallel White Lines.

For the guidance of traffic there will be signs and "white lines," and for pedestrians signals of the "three-way" type and parallel "white lines" across the road at points controlled by the signals.

The Minister, it is announced, proposes to make regulations not earlier than May 1 in regard to traffic in Oxford-street and neighbouring thoroughfares with a view to

Restricting waiting vehicles. Prohibiting slow-moving traffic in certain circumstances. Prohibiting turning round in the street.

Converting certain streets into "one-way" streets, and Eliminating right-hand turns at certain road junctions.

During the prescribed hours (12 noon and 7 p.m. on all week days except Saturdays and 12 noon and 3 p.m. on Saturdays) no horse-drawn or hand-drawn vehicle or any vehicle limited to a speed of eight miles per hour will be allowed in the streets in the scheduled areas if it could get to its destination otherwise.

**NEW OUSTRIC
TROUBLE.****REVIVAL OF HEARST
SCANDAL.**

Paris, Feb. 20. The Commission of Inquiry into the Oustic scandals has received a long statement from M. de Noblet d'Anglure, the official of the Press Bureau at the Quai d'Orsay, who was relieved of his functions as the result of the Horan-Hearst affair.

M. de Noblet declares that he was made a scapegoat to conceal the malpractices of certain among his superiors, in whose interest, moreover, the police attempted, he alleges, to force from him a false confession that the copy of the document published came from his department.

The name of M. Raoul Peret, formerly Minister of Justice and now recommended by the Commission of Inquiry to be tried for corrupt practices, occurs in the course of the statement.

The document, it will be remembered, was illicitly obtained by Mr. Horan, who was Paris Correspondent for a Hearst agency, and published by him with the object of torpedoing the embryo Anglo-French naval agreement, in which he was successful. For this Mr. Horan was forced to fly from France, and later Mr. Hearst, who came here on a visit, was expelled the country by order of M. Tardieu then Minister of the Interior.

The Banque de France has refused to supply the Oustic Commission with information asked of it on the ground that it is a private institution and responsible to its shareholders.

Precedents are being examined on behalf of the Commission, which maintains that on other analogous occasions the banks have supplied information. The Commission may not improbably renew its demand.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.**ARGYLLS v. THE ROYAL
ARTILLERY.**

The Gunners arrived on the Chatham Road ground without Walker, their outside left, and throughout the match played ten men only. The result was a win for the Argyls by three clear goals. The Argyls took up the attack from the kick off but the Gunners defence was sound, Comby in goal saving several shots. With four forwards the Gunners attack was weak and the Argyls defence had an easy time. Lamont scored the only goal of the first half. With the wind in their favour the Argyls had plenty of shooting practice but failed owing to wild shooting and offside play. Comby was penalised for carrying but the Gunners managed to get the ball away from the free kick. A breakaway by the Gunners right gave Allen a chance to draw level but a fast shot just cleared the upright. The Argyls returned to the attack and Adley failing to clear a pass from Christie let in Lamont and he gave Comby a chance with a header.

Almost from the centre kick the ball was again in the net. McTavish pushed the ball out to the right and Christie dropped over for Lamont to complete his hat-trick with a fast cross shot with Comby at the other side of the goal.

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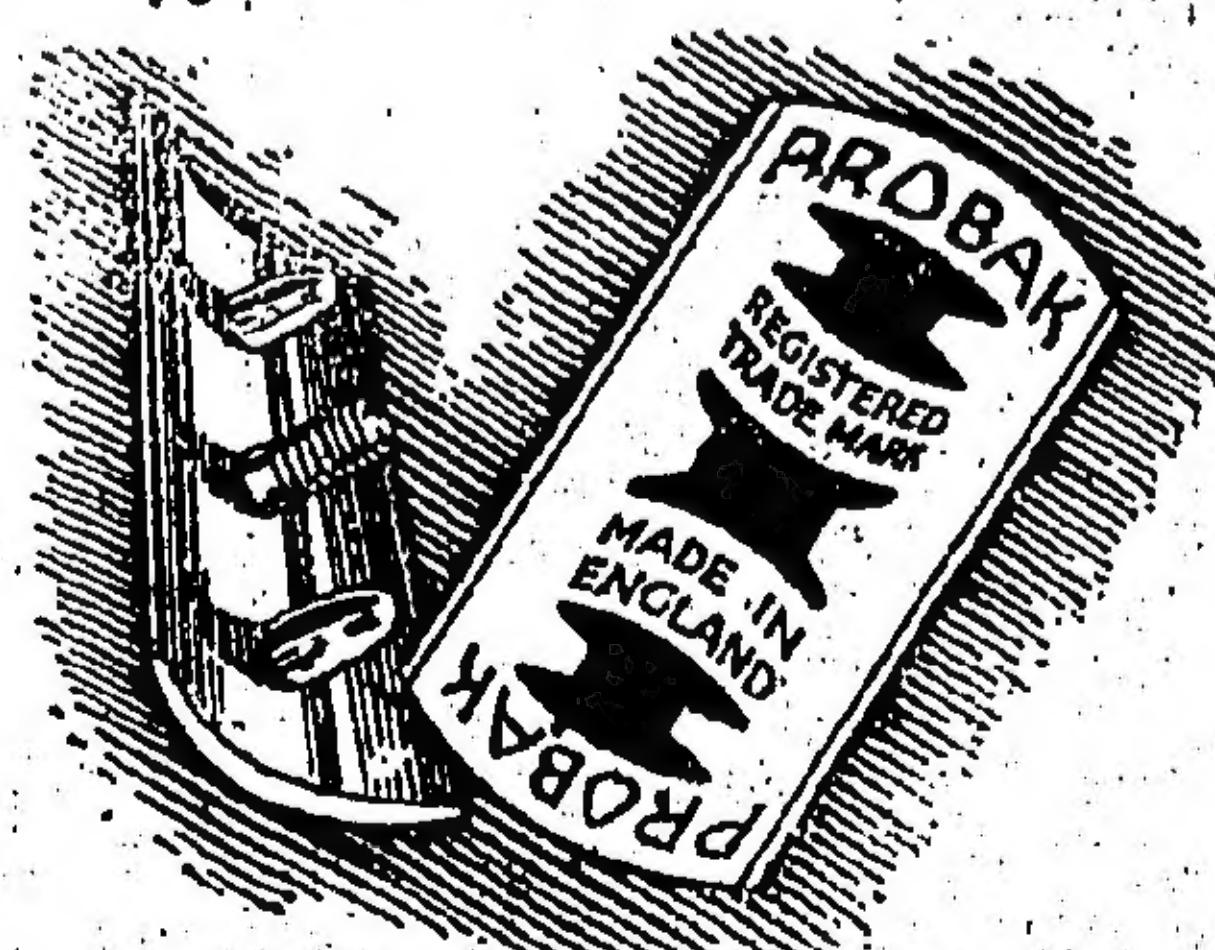
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TENNIS TOURNEY.

M. W. LO OVERCOMES HIS BROTHER.

Appearing on the court stand yesterday, M. W. Lo, a former champion, met and defeated his brother, M. K. Lo, and thus carried the right to enter to the semi-finals of the open singles tennis championship. He gave his best display of the current tournament to achieve this, and was full value for the success obtained in straight sets.

An impregnable defence, plus the ability to finish off the rallies with "ace" shots, were the means of the ex-champion's comfortable passage into the last eight. He defied his brother's gallant attempts to find a weak spot either in his defence or attack, and after a gruelling opening set, the loser's collapse was not altogether unexpected.

The scores, however, hardly give a true reflection of the interesting encounter. M. W. Lo was undoubtedly the superior player, but his brother fought tenaciously and certainly did not deserve to lose the second set. Many of his attacks were brilliantly executed, but he lacked the necessary court-craft to turn them into winning rallies.

On yesterday's form, the indication is that M. W. Lo will probably meet Honda in the semi-final. Results:

Open Singles.

M. W. Lo beat M. K. Lo, 4-4, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "B."

Hampton beat Penn, 6-4, 6-4.

Jensen beat Collis, 6-4, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Doubles.

C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Casumbhoy v. Lai and Leonard.

Fincher and Fincher v. Ng and Tsai.

P. Kong and Lee v. Lo and Ju.

Club Championship.

A. L. Sullivan v. H. Owen Hughes.

Handicap Singles "A."

R. H. Wild v. H. R. Remington.

Handicap Singles "B."

R. H. Todd v. D. S. Green.

R. M. Wood v. J. A. Cooper.

PERCY LAKE LOSES IN SHANGHAI.

UNPOPULAR DECISION IN CHAMPION BOUT.

There was a crowded house at the Auditorium in Shanghai last Saturday for the gala card which included the championship bout between Stoker, Percy Lake and Joe Sacramento, and which was won by the latter, though on an unpopular decision.

The fight was for the so-called Lightweight Championship of China, Sacramento holding the Shanghai title, whilst Lake holds that of Hongkong.

General opinion was that Lake won easily. He was much the cleverer opponent with something to treat his opponent with something approaching contempt, thereby securing valuable points. Sacramento never properly landed his famous right, and the sailor made him appear as slow as a cart-horse. Sacramento had 2½ lb. the better of the weights, he being 130 lb, whilst Lake was 127½ lb.

The fight was marred by foul blows on both sides, whilst Lake hitting low several times, whilst Sacramento twice hit his man when breaking.

Throughout the fight, Lake scored at will with a very clever left and piled up enough points with this alone easily to give him the fight.

Sacramento tried very hard to get over his "sleeping-draught," but although he landed several half-strength blows, Lake was much too fast and clever for him, and slipped anything dangerous very easily. Lake twice was in tight corners and each time he extricated himself with clever footwork.

Sacramento was all-out for a knock-out in the last round, but Lake used the ring and made his opponent miss with everything he sent over. The person most surprised at the decision probably was Sacramento, who danced around the ring with joy.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

KOWLOON'S FIRST TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

The following have been chosen to represent the K.C.C. 1st eleven in their league match against the University on the K.C.C. ground on Saturday.

J. C. Lyle, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, W. Bruce, F. Goodwin, F. E. Lawrence, F. Zimmerman, W. C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett and F. E. Skinner.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Kowloon F.C. in their Second Division match against the Chinese Athletic on the Kowloon ground at 4 p.m. on Saturday.—Angus; Guest, Williams; Everest, Gilchrist, Cameron; Eastman, Whiting, Spary, Cotton and Bickford. Reserves:—Smith and Brown.

HOCKEY CLUB WIN SIM SHIELD.

BRILLIANT VICTORY OVER NAVY IN REPLY.

By virtue of a brilliant win over the Navy in the replay of the Sim Shield Competition, the Hongkong Hockey Club have become the first to register their third success in the tournament since the shield was presented in 1925. In beating the Silent Service representatives by three goals to one the civilian team fully deserved their victory yesterday when the final match was decided on the U.S.R.C. ground.

Both the Club and the Navy having beaten the Army twice and won a match against each other, these two teams made it necessary for a re-play before the destiny of the shield for the ensuing year was decided. The Club are the holders and, in view of their form this season, were slightly favoured for the final match. The team which was fielded yesterday was considerably stronger than those of the previous matches by the introduction of W. Reed, who recently returned from England, in the half back line. He proved to be a very clever player, who in safe in defence and accurate in feeding his forwards.

The play throughout was of a high standard with the Club team taking up the attack from the start. Their forwards continuously raided their opponents goal but on several occasions dangerous situations were averted by over anxiety of the attackers, who completely disregarded the off-side law and were being constantly pulled up by the referee.

H. Owen Hughes gave them an encouraging start and shortly afterwards G. Skipp put them further ahead with a lucky shot from a rebound off one of the uprisings of the Navy goal. From an out-side bully off, the Navy made a surprise rush on the Club goal and reduced the lead.

KOWLOON GOLF.

THE DRAW FOR THE OPEN FOURSOMES.

The following is the draw for the Open Foursomes of the Kowloon Golf Club, first round to be played on or before April 5th:

Pooler & King (26) v. Roe & Jex (31).

Brantley & Groves (18) v. Russell & Buxton (18).

Orchard & Brown (28) v. Fincher & Woolley (27).

Johnson & Sinton (29) v. Purves & McLaggan (26).

The following have received byes:—Lopes & Linton (10) v. Henderson & Dinsdale (33). Jones & Way (33) v. Thomson & Wilson (6). Murphy & Barry (22) v. Mundy & Hillier (17). Trice & Sapsed (36) v. Laughton & Planer (23). Silkstone & Jack (27) v. Cogan & Hunt (14). Saunderson & Stoker (33) v. McKelvie & Meyer (23).

With each side launching attack after attack without success, the interval arrived without further addition to the score, and it was not until towards the closing stages of the game that there was any alteration. G. E. R. Divett put the issue beyond doubt during the last five minutes, the final whistle blowing with the Navy attacking strongly.

The winners of the Sim Shield to date are as follows:

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The following members of the Radio Sports Club are selected to play in a hockey match against the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade at Marina ground on Friday, 27th inst, at 6 p.m.

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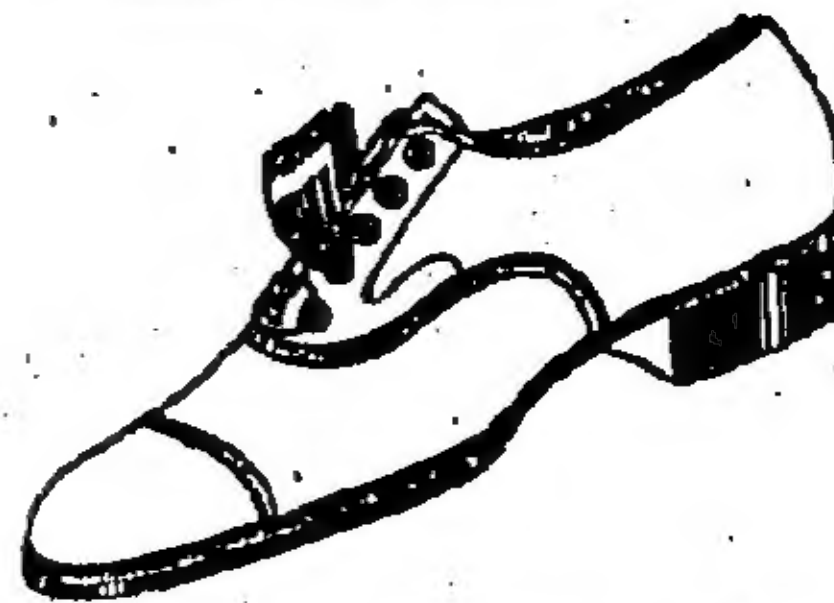
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Undergraduates.	
D. J. N. Anderson, b Shellshear	54
A. M. Rodrigues, retired	57
A. B. Sullivan, c Clabbutt, b	21
Redmond	38
A. Chan Fook, retired	7
Baker, b Anderson	16
G. E. Yoon not out	18
A. A. Aziz not out	10
Extras	10

Total (for 5 wks.) 221

K. P. Gan, A. T. Nomanbhoy, F. Hiptoola, and A. S. A. Kyum did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
Samy	11 1 72 1
Ride	6 0 34 1
Shellshear	6 0 36 1
Redmond	3 0 25 1
Cooper	1 0 10 1
Clabbutt	1 0 10 1
Howled 1 no ball.	

Staff.

Prof. L. T. Ride, c Aziz, b Sullivan	10
Prof. F. A. Redmond, c Chan Fook, b Anderson	23
Dr. D. K. Samy, b Anderson	41
Prof. J. L. Shellshear, b Aziz	7
Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, c and b Baker	2
Mr. W. Field, b Hiptoola, c Baker, b Sullivan	12
Mr. C. R. Clabbutt, c Baker, b Sullivan	6
Mr. H. A. Cooper, c Chan Fook, b Sullivan	0
Prof. R. Robertson, c Aziz, b Hiptoola	5
Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell, b Anderson	27
S. W. W. Hornell not out	10
Extras	18

Total 166

Bowling Analysis.

	O. M. R. W.
F. Hiptoola	13 3 30 3
A. B. Sullivan	8 2 35 3
Chan Fook	7 2 13 1
Baker	4 0 21 1
Anderson	9 1 27 3
Aziz	2 0 2 1

Extras 18

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Mr. Leo D'Almada, for Chu Yum, detailing the circumstances connected with the seizure of eight cases sent down to Hongkong from Canton as "pidgin cargo" on the Kwangtung, and in which opium was found, submitted that the accused was an innocent party, who had no means of knowing the true nature of the cargo.

Mr. Schofield quoted the view of the law assumed in relation to the letter found on the accused, holding that, having regard to the onus thus thrown on the accused, there was a case for Mr. D'Almada to answer.

Mr. D'Almada replied that the onus thrown by the local Ordinance on the accused in the matter was like a ranch law—that was to say, it was left to the accused to prove his innocence. The letter in question was in the form of a delivery note and did not disclose the contents.

Mr. D'Almada put his client into the witness-box.

Onus Discharged.

Ah On did not appear in the subsequent Court proceedings, and Mr. D'Almada, at the conclusion of his client's evidence, reverted to his "mysterious" absence, remarking that he was sure Ah On would help his client out, and his evidence been available. Mr. D'Almada submitted that his client had discharged the onus thrown on him by having thus clearly set out the sequence of events until they ended with the handing of the letter to Ah On, who it should have been the prosecution's duty to have detained.

His Worship agreed that Chu Yum had discharged the onus, and acquitted him of a charge of importing opium.

This was the second acquitted in the case, another defendant, an assistant compradore of the Kwangtung, having been discharged at a previous hearing.

The case against Chan Yau, who was accused of dealing in opium, was then proceeded with. The defendant denied all knowledge of the incriminating goods which were found at Tung Street and intimated that the premises were rented by another man, since absconded.

"Lax Prosecution."

His Worship registered a conviction, remarking that there was sufficient evidence against the defendant. The way in which the prosecution had conducted its case, however, was very lax. In the first place an innocent man, the assistant compradore of the vessel, against whom there was no particular evidence except his failure to enter the cases on his register, was detained and charged on what was really no evidence to connect him with the opium in any way. In the second place, his Worship did not know

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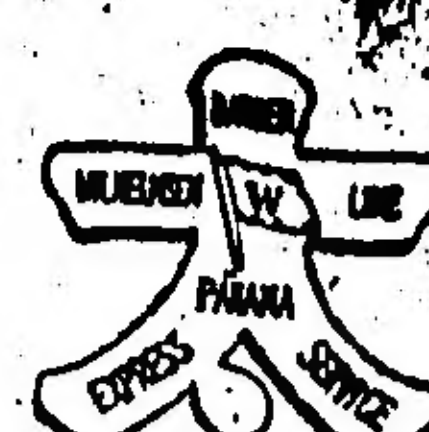
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*KALYAN	9,144	9th May.	M'ses, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
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TAKADA	6,949	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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SIRDHANA	7,745	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
TLAWA	10,006	8th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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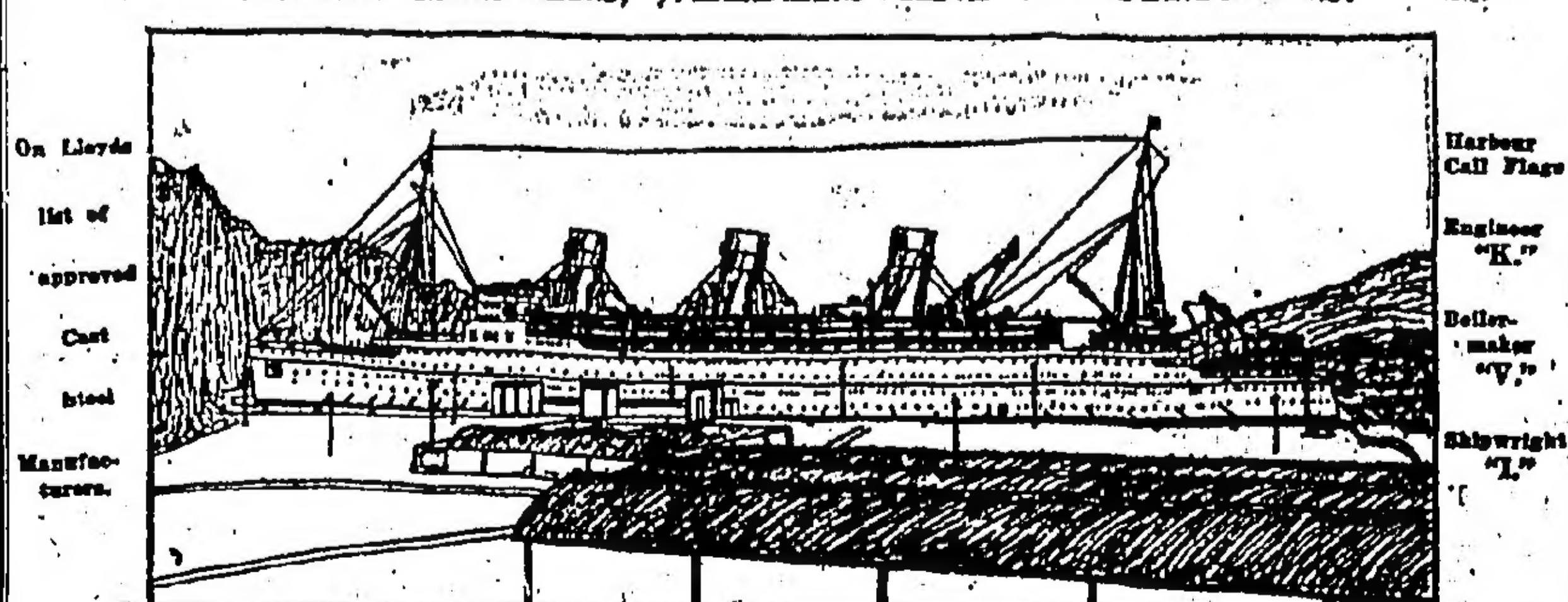
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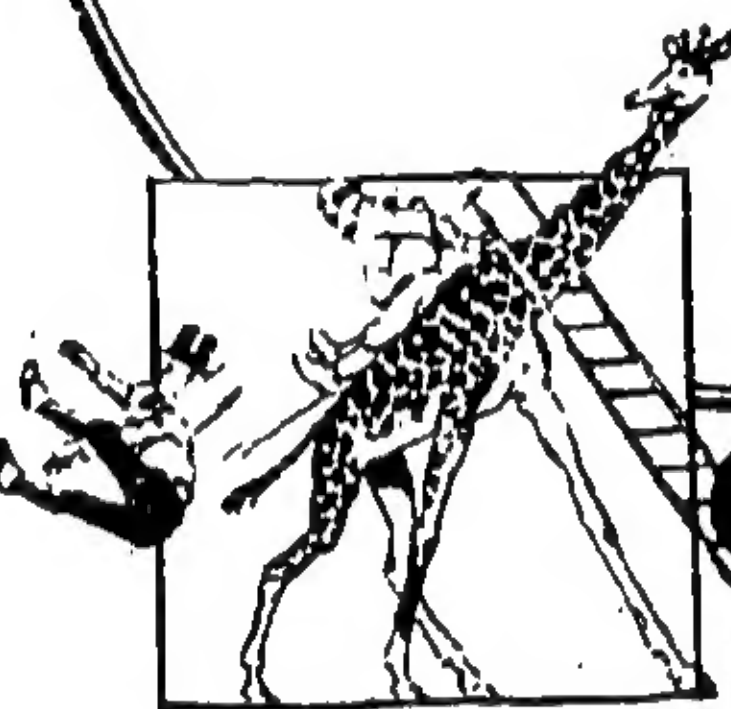
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A man posing as "the Bishop of the Falkland Islands" is wanted by Scotland Yard, the Brighton police, and other police forces in many parts of the country.

The real bishop of that far-off diocese, the Right Rev. Norman Stewart de Jersey, is now in Valparaiso. The man who is being sought is known to the police as "the bishop" and makes a specialty of impersonating bishops. He wears gaiters and all the clothing usually worn by real bishops.

His latest coup was carried out at the expense of a well-known firm of hatters in Brighton.

Left with a Woman.

The firm, at the request of the "bishop's secretary," left some soft felt hats at a house on the front, and the "bishop" disappeared, as also did the hats. A woman is said to have accompanied him.

The real Bishop of the Falkland Islands is well known in the Brighton district.

The bogus bishop, who is believed to be the man who recently posed as the Bishop of Coventry in the West End of London, is about 41 and speaks in a refined manner.

He is about 5ft. 8in., well built, has dark hair, a close-clipped black moustache, a ruddy complexion and hazel eyes. He wears either the usual clothing of a bishop or a dark suit.

RAPTUROUS RIO GREETINGS.

WONDERFUL WELCOME TO THE PRINCES.

WHOLE CITY EN FETE.

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 25. The Prince of Wales and Prince George received what was probably the greatest welcome accorded to them in the course of their all-embracing tour of South America when they arrived at Rio de Janeiro aboard the Alcantara to-day.

The liner was escorted into port by a Brazilian cruiser and three Brazilian destroyers, while a dozen flyingboats and aeroplanes roared a greeting overhead.

On the quay was a vast crowd which enthusiastically cheered the Royal visitors as massed bands struck up the National Anthems of Britain and Brazil.

The procession of the Princes through the city was triumphal. Girls threw flowers and kisses and batteries fired Royal salutes as the Princes, escorted by Dragons, drove through palm-lined avenues to the magnificent Guanabara Palace where they are staying as the guests of the Government.

Exhibition Success. A report from Buenos Aires states that the British Empire Exhibition has been so successful that it is unofficially announced that it will be continued beyond the fixed closing date, April 27.

The attendance in the first ten days was over three hundred thousands which is far beyond the expectations of the promoters.—*Reuter.*

PROPER NAME FOR BANDITS.

NO LONGER TO BE REFERRED TO AS "REDS."

Nanking, Mar. 25. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has sent circular telegrams to all Divisional Commanders in Kiangsi instructing them to complete the anti-Communist expedition before the end of April. Nationalist armies are instructed to open hostilities against the bandits without delay.

Marshal Chiang also desires that in future when referring to the so-called Communists or "Red" farmers the military officers should refer to them as bandits.

CHELSEA DEFEAT BIRMINGHAM.

POOR COMPENSATION FOR CUP FAILURE.

London, Mar. 25.

The Chelsea-Birmingham cup battle at Stamford Bridge which Chelsea lost sensationally by three goals to nil was replayed to-day in the form of a league encounter and on this occasion Chelsea were successful, winning by the only goal scored.

In the Second Division, Wolverhampton Wanderers imposed another defeat on the leaders, Everton, who have lost three of the last four matches—league and Cup—that they have played.

Five matches were played to-day, the results being:

First Division.
Chelsea 1 Birmingham 0
Manchester U. 0 Leicester 0
Second Division.
Wolverhampton 3 Everton 1
Third Division (North).
Crawley 0 Halifax 0
Scottish League.
Celtic 2 Dundee 2

—*Reuter.*

STOPPING SLAVE TRAFFIC.

GOOD WORK BY SUDANESE AUTHORITIES.

London, Mar. 25.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hugh Dalton, replying to questions, said thirty-five States had not yet ratified nor acceded to the Slavery Convention of 1926.

With reference to the work of the Sudanese Slavery Patrol, he said investigations in 1929 led to the arrest and imprisonment of a number of persons implicated in the trading of Abyssinian negroes to Arab tribes and to the discovery and liberation of 650 slaves imported into Sudan from Abyssinia.

The Foreign Secretary considered that the effective action of the Sudanese authorities in the suppression of the slave traffic reflected great credit on all concerned. Full reports were made at the time to the League of Nations.—*British Wireless.*

CHINA INDEMNITY SPENDINGS.

COMMISSION PERSONNEL NOT SETTLED.

DECISION WITH CHINA.

London, Mar. 25.

In answer to questions in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Government hoped to be able to make a statement soon in regard to the selection of the British members of the Chinese Government Purchasing Commission and the Board of Trustees, as provided for in the China Indemnity Settlement recently ratified by the British Government.

Asked whether he would consider the inclusion on the Board of Trustees of an engineer having full knowledge of railways, Mr. Dalton replied in the affirmative.

He added that the Government had been giving a good deal of consideration to the choice of nominees to be submitted to the Chinese Government, with whom the final decision rested.

He hoped that when he made the announcement regarding the personnel of the Commission and the Board there would be general satisfaction that the various interests concerned had been fully represented.—*Reuter.*

UNDER-SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

MR. JOSEPH WESTWOOD GETS APPOINTMENT.

London, Mar. 25.

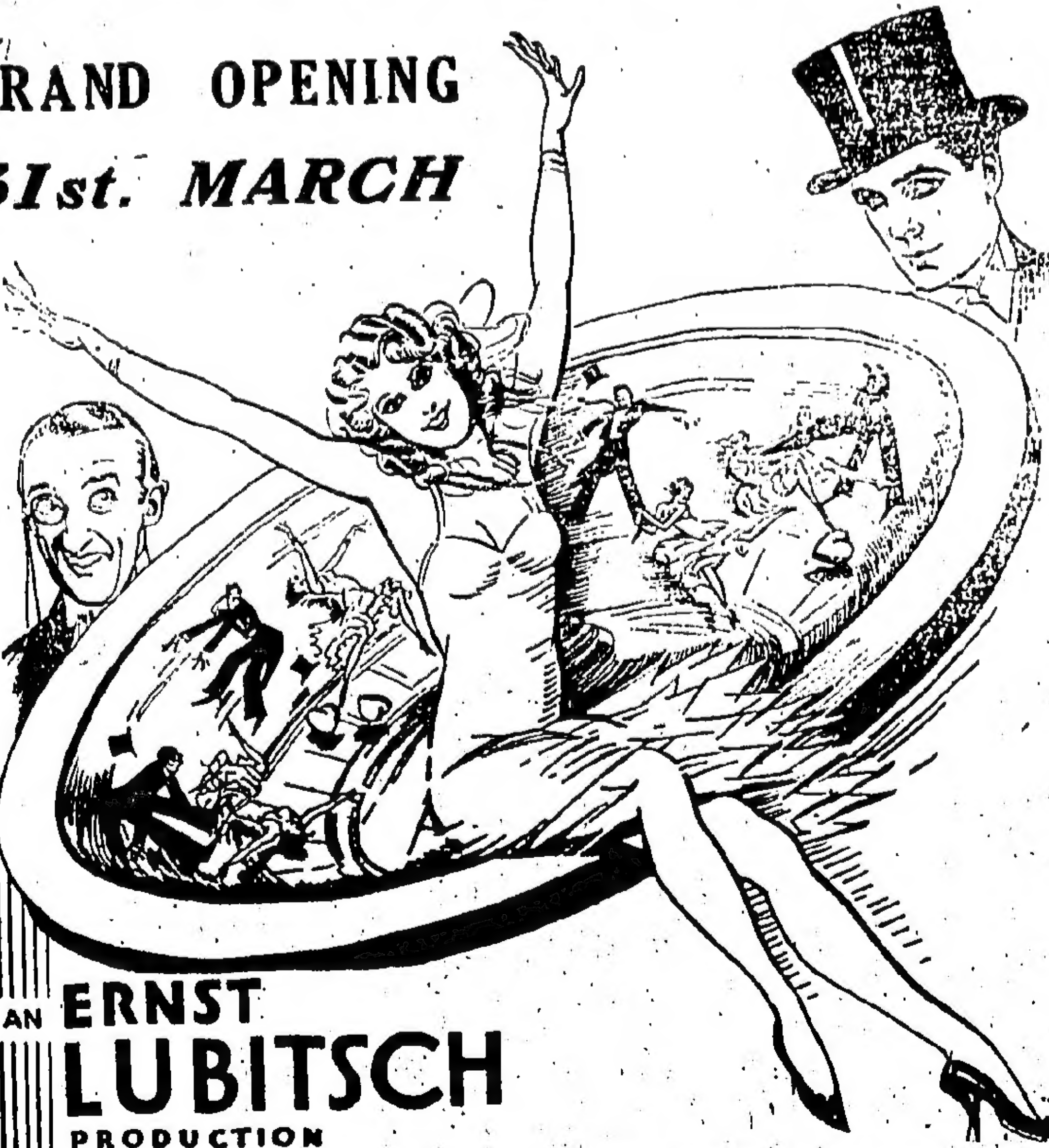
Mr. Joseph Westwood, M.P., has been appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Scotland in succession to Mr. Thomas Johnston, M.P., who has been appointed Lord Privy Seal.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. Westwood sits for the Peebles and Southern Division of Midlothian and Peebles. He was appointed industrial organiser by the Fife miners and for the Scottish miners. He has represented the division since 1922, when he defeated Sir Donald Maclean, the well-known Liberal politician.

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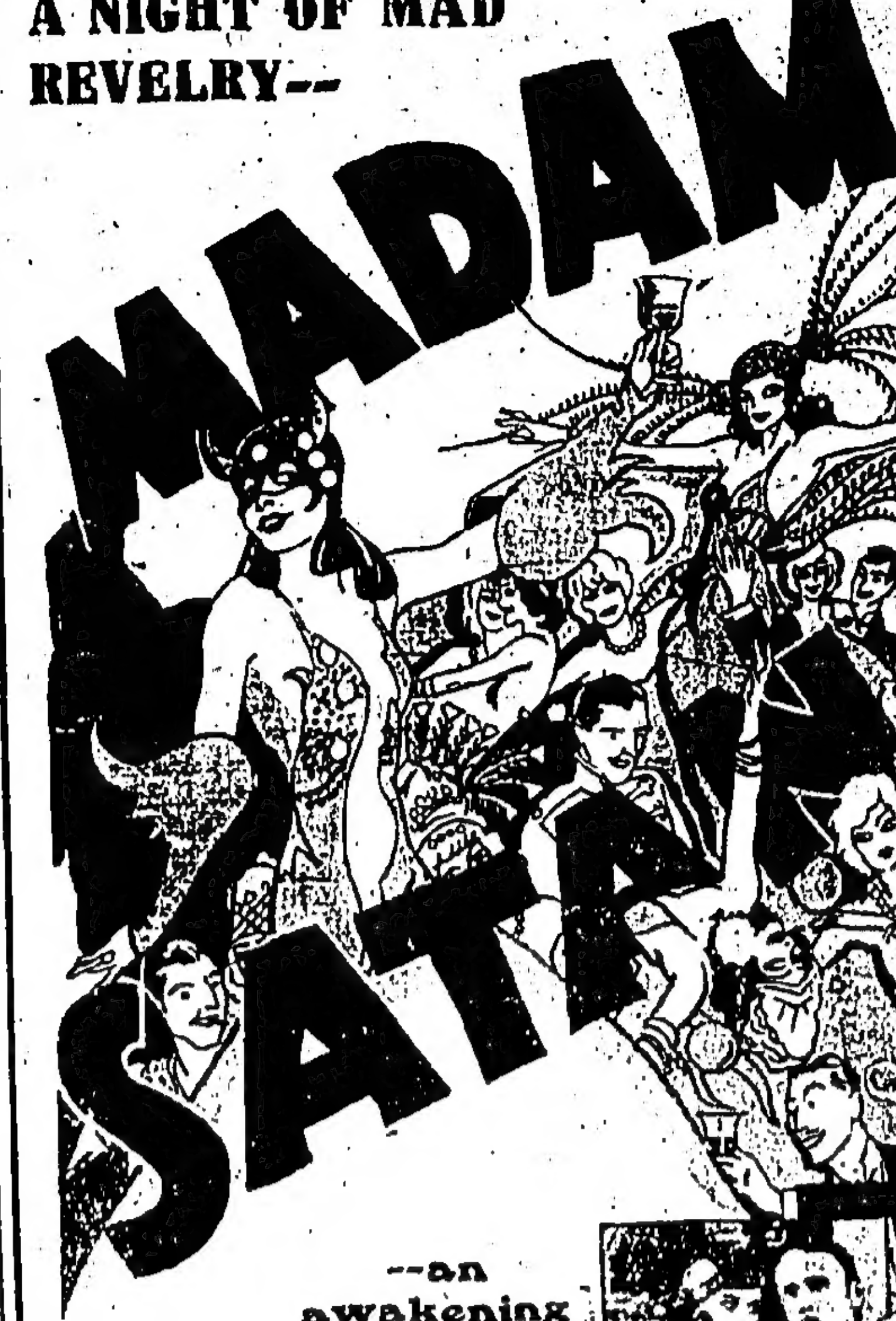
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